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The Times Portfolio competition prize of £2,000 was won yesterday by Mr Pong Hwee Yee of East Grinstead, West Sussex. Portfolio list, page 20; how to play, information service, back page.

On Saturday £42,000 can be won - £40,000 in the weekly competition and £2,000 in the daily.

Muslims protest at 100 schools

Muslim pupils boycotted lessons at about a hundred schools in Bradford in the campaign aimed at removing Mr Ray Honeyford, the headmaster in the centre of the multi-racial education debate. But the Council of Mosques call to all 16,000 school children to stay at home was supported by only about 4,000 pupils. **Page 2**

Callaghan to go

Mr James Callaghan, the former Labour Prime Minister and a Cardiff MP since 1945, is to retire from Parliament at the next general election. **Page 2**

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Changes in the Soviet economic plan were unveiled at a Party meeting which dropped the former Prime Minister, Mr Nikolai Tikhonov, from the Politburo. **Page 11**

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The Transport and General Workers Union was voted by 511,014 to 119,823 in favour of keeping a political fund. Just over half of the union's members voted.

Volcker refusal

Mr Paul Volcker, chairman of the US Federal Reserve Board, said he would not accept an invitation to be president of the World Bank.

Helicopter lost

A US Marine helicopter carrying 19 troops and crew crashed in the Atlantic off North Carolina. Four survivors were rescued.

Kasparov wins

The challenger, Garry Kasparov, won game 16 of his world chess title rematch against champion Anatoly Karpov and now leads Karpov by 8½-7½ points in the 24-game series. **Early moves, page 5**

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Husain says Britain acted honourably over talks

King Husain said last night that the basis for the Middle East talks in London had been agreed in Jordan and that there had been no last moment alteration.

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A bomb exploded outside the Tunisian Embassy in Rome and, in a separate incident, two young Arabs with a suitcase of explosives were arrested at the city's airport.

By Our Foreign Staff

King Husain of Jordan last night supported the British Government's version of the reasons for the collapse on Monday of the planned meeting between Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, and a Jordanian-PLO delegation.

In an interview on Channel 4 television he said the basis for the London talks had been agreed in Jordan and there had been no last-moment alteration. He believed that when the Jordan representatives and PLO arrived in London they had explicit instructions and a clear idea of their mission.

"It is unfortunate that one of the PLO men who refused to sign the document was not clear of the details," the King said. Asked what he thought the price of failure to bring peace to the Middle East would be he replied: "I think disaster without doubt, which will sweep all of us in our area and maybe affect the world. On all sides of the conflict there are extremists waiting for people of goodwill to fail."

The King said that to bring about peace would have been his crowning achievement. He dismissed the idea that the talks were "a put up job to expose the PLO."

"I believe that the British government acted very honourably and we had a very clear understanding with London. I don't think there is anything to complain about. If there is a misunderstanding on the part of one member of the Palestinian delegation not having been aware of what was happening that is certainly not our fault or anyone else's fault," he said.

As two members of the PLO flew out of London's Heathrow airport for Paris yesterday afternoon, the British Government was firmly pinning the blame for the fiasco on Mr Mohamed Milhem, one of the representatives. It appears that the other PLO delegate, Bishop Elias Khoury, had been prepared to subscribe to a state-

Spadolini may quit coalition

From Our Correspondent
Rome

Senator Giovanni Spadolini, the Italian Defence Minister, held talks here yesterday with the leadership of his Republican Party to decide whether to withdraw from the five-party coalition Government over the handling of the Abu Abbas affair.

The party, of which he is secretary, disagrees with the decision by Signor Bettino Craxi, the Prime Minister, to let Mr Abbas, leader in the Palestinian Liberation Organization, fly to Yugoslavia on Saturday when the United States had requested his arrest and extradition for alleged involvement in the Achille Lauro hijacking.

Senator Spadolini has said that he did not automatically favour compliance with the American request but that Signor Craxi should have insisted on Mr Abbas's detention as a witness in investigations of the hijacking.

Signor Craxi, however, disclosed to a meeting of ministers on Monday evening that Mr Abbas had remained inside the Egyptian airliner forced down by US jet fighters all the time it was in Italy.

Blast at Tunisian Embassy in Rome

From John Earle
Rome

A rudimentary bomb exploded outside the Tunisian Embassy here early yesterday, while in a separate incident two young Arabs with Moroccan passports were arrested after a suitcase packed with explosive was discovered at Rome airport.

The bomb, which caused no casualties, was evidently timed to coincide with the arrival later in the day of the Tunisian Prime Minister, Mr Muhammad Mzali, on a two-day official visit to Italy. The visit, arranged some time ago, will be useful to both countries to discuss the implications of the deteriorating relations between Washington and both Italy and the Arab world since the US forced down an Egyptian airliner carrying the alleged hijackers of the Achille Lauro cruise liner.

The suitcase allegedly belonged to one of the young Arabs, who told bystanders as he was being led away: "The explosive was to be used against the Israelis and Americans, not against the Italians, who are great friends of the Arab people."

He and his companion had just arrived on an Iraqi Airways flight from Baghdad. He said of the Sudanese police refused to comment on the reports.

"They have both requested that I should not reveal where they come from because they fear for relatives still in the Soviet Union," he said.

"So far we have held only a short interrogation. In the present circumstances there is no need to reveal where they came from or what work they had."

Officers from the Swedish Security Police were sent from Stockholm to Sundsvall to question the two defectors.

Superintendent Jan Brunsell, that two men had walked into the police station last Wednesday and asked "in heavily broken English" for asylum. They had walked across the Soviet Union to the Finnish Border.

At the border they had evaded detection by armed patrols and had then walked more than 300 miles across Finland to Sweden, fearing that the Finnish authorities would send them back.

Only when they had reached the Swedish border did the two men dare to use public transport.

Waite defends PLO bishop

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs
Correspondent

The Archbishop of Canterbury's special representative Mr Terry Waite, gave vigorous public support yesterday to Bishop Elias Khoury, Anglican bishop in Amman and a PLO executive member, saying that by refusing to meet him the Government risked alienating moderate opinion among Palestinians.

Mr Waite said he had briefed Dr Robert Runcie after spending some hours with Bishop Khoury in London, and was authorised to publicize their position. "The archbishop stands behind what I say," he said.

Bishop Khoury "categorically deplores all acts of terrorism and violence from whatever source they come," he added. "He agreed to stand as a member of the PLO executive believing he would be able to exercise a moderating influence and work for peace. By actually agreeing to come here and take part in talks, he has received death threats from extreme elements."

Bishop Khoury was deported by the Israeli Government in 1969 accused of being implicated in terrorism, but was not charged. The Board of Deputies of British Jews released the partial text yesterday of an interview on Israeli television at the time, in which these accusations were put to the bishop.

He had said in the interview: "A package arrived from Beirut which contained medicines from abroad. The package was addressed to someone in Ramallah, and posted on to me. In the package were medicines as well as explosives. When it was discovered by the Israeli authorities I was arrested and questioned."

The interviewer asked: "Did you know before your arrest about the contents of the package?" He replied: "Yes, I knew before being arrested about the contents of the package. I asked whether he thought of telling the police he replied: 'No'."

Mr Waite said he had spent some time questioning Bishop Khoury about these matters, but had not had the transcript of the television interview with him.

"He says, because someone posted you a package with these things in it does not mean you are implicated. It is a very difficult area. If there was sufficient evidence why was he not charged? All I can give you is what he's told me. 'He's either telling the truth or he's

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Mr Abu Abbas, the Palestinian official sought by the US over the Achille Lauro hijacking, seen with Mr Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader (front) in Tunisia last month.

NUT uses majority to reject pay offer

By Lucy Hodges
Education Correspondent

The biggest teachers' union, the National Union of Teachers, which has 216,000 members, used its majority on the Burnham Committee last night to reject the employers' informal offer of 6.9 per cent, staged so that teachers would receive 7.3 per cent by the end of March.

Further progress in the nine-month dispute over pay is unlikely until the NUT's majority is removed, as expected next month, the other five teaching unions opposed the NUT line because it insisted that talks with local authorities had to take place on the basis of the union's four principles.

These are that any offer should be not less than the rate of inflation last April (6.9 per cent); match the rise in average earnings (7.5 per cent); contain an element towards restoration of 1974 pay levels; and contain a commitment to long-term restoration of pay.

Although the other unions accept these principles, they do not regard them as pre-conditions for talks. Mr Fred Smithies, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, the second biggest union, said last night that the teachers' panel had once again opted for the wrong tactics.

The NAS/UTW, which has 116,000 members, proposed a motion which recognized that the employers' offer was not a basis for a settlement but said that negotiations should be reopened as soon as possible. It also noted the improvements in the offer from the 5.85 per cent last month. "We avoided putting down an ultimatum," Mr Smithies said. "We wanted teachers to be seen to respond constructively."

The motion was defeated, with the NUT using its 16 votes to oppose it. The other unions have 15 votes.

Mr David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said that the NUT's line was "unnecessary and unhelpful" and he suspected the employers would now wait until Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, amends the constitution of the teachers' panel.

Swift denial of peers' warning on economy

By Richard Evans
Lobby Reporter

The Government took the unprecedented step yesterday of producing an immediate response to an outspoken parliamentary report predicting a political, economic and social crisis unless the decline in the manufacturing industry is halted, in an attempt to pre-empt its damaging effect.

After consulting Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Leon Brittan, recently-appointed Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, issued a statement timed to coincide with the publication of the House of Lords select committee on overseas trade's investigation and effectively undermine its criticisms.

"This report needs to be set in perspective if we are not to get a totally biased and misleading view of the performance and prospects of our economy," he said.

Normally Whitehall departments refuse to comment immediately on select committee reports and Mr Roy Hattersley, shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer, said last night that Mr Brittan's speedy reaction demonstrated he had been reduced to panic measures to try to offset the damage.

Mr Hattersley said the contents of the peers' report were devastating "and they make clear that, with the exception of Mrs Thatcher's Cabinet, no one now supports this Government's economic policies."

But Mr Brittan insisted the select committee had failed to point out "some key facts". Since the trough of the recession manufacturing output had risen by 11 per cent, manufacturing investment was up by 39 per cent, manufacturing productivity was up by 31 per cent and the volume of manufactured exports was at record levels.

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Coal board near pay accord with rebel miners

By Donald Macintyre, Labour Editor

The National Coal Board gave its clearest encouragement yet to leaders of the breakaway Nottinghamshire miners last night when it committed itself to increasing both basic rates and incentive payments of the area's 28,000 members, from November 1.

In five hours of talks with the National Union of Mineworkers Nottinghamshire area, the board went significantly further towards a pay settlement than it has so far with the union's national leadership, which also formally lodged its seven-point pay claim yesterday.

In a move clearly designed to reassure Nottinghamshire miners who will ballot on Friday on the formation of a new breakaway Union of Democratic Mineworkers that they have a relatively secure future, Mr Albert Wheeler, the board's Nottinghamshire director, promised that the board intended "seriously to consider" developing the Witham Prospect, a huge 180-million ton triangle of coal reserves between Newark and Lincoln.

As an extension to the field, The pledge came after Mr Arthur Scargill, the national president, had claimed that new criteria for judging the viability of collieries could mean the closure of up to half the Nottinghamshire collieries.

Mr Roy Lyne, general secretary of the Nottinghamshire miners, said last night that the claim had been made in an attempt to influence Friday's ballot in which South Derbyshire miners along with those in the Durham-based Colliery Trades and Allied Workers Association will also be taking part.

"There are no Nottinghamshire collieries in the review procedure," Mr Lyne added.

Mr Lyne said after yesterday's talks that the area had made "considerable progress" by securing the commitments to pay increases.

"We are confident that we will have a pay rise in our members' wage packets by November 1. We will put in all the hours we need to get to that state."

Mr Lyne said he expected the talks to resume "very soon" but they were unlikely to do so this week. Despite its pledges, the board has yet to put figures on either the improvement to basic rates or the enhancement of the incentive scheme, and it has yet to yield the principle pressed by the Nottinghamshire leaders yesterday of making the basic rate increase a flat rate one across the board.

The board said in a statement issued after the talks at its Nottinghamshire headquarters at Edwinstowe last night that it was not possible to give a detailed reply to the Nottinghamshire claim immediately but that Mr Wheeler committed himself to "some improvement" in both basic grade rates and the incentive scheme.

The board had been "impressed by Nottinghamshire's performance and potential" and so would be considering developing the Witham Prospect.

Nottinghamshire and South Derbyshire area leaders expect that the results of the ballot, covering about 32,000 miners, could be announced on Saturday after being counted by the Electoral Reform Society.

Scargill's closure claim denied

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

The National Coal Board last night strongly denied a claim by Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers that half the 23 pits in Nottinghamshire and all four collieries in South Derbyshire would be closed as a result of the New Strategy for Coal, published yesterday.

The board also disputed Mr Scargill's estimate that the plan, details of which were revealed for the first time, would mean the closure of 70 of Britain's 157 pits with the loss of up to 70,000 jobs.

Mr Ken Moses, technical director at the board, said after a meeting of the joint policy advisory committee at the board's headquarters in London, that Mr Scargill had "plucked the figures from the air" and that now it was the job

of managers to "get past the Scargill rhetoric" to ordinary union members.

Mr Scargill said that the strategy would have a "devastating effect on the county's collieries and that pitmen who worked during the year-long coal strike would feel betrayed by the board."

He thought that the management had "dropped an appalling dagger" by revealing its intentions when they were seeking to encourage a permanent split in the union. "Anybody should now recognize that by remaining in one trade union you must improve your chances of resisting pit closures," he said.

The claim and counter-claims are based on a crucial part of the strategy document which deals with financial targets.

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Master of doomed sailing vessel used forged paper to gain command

From Tim Jones, Plymouth

The American master of the London-registered barque, *The Marques*, which sank off Bermuda with the loss of 19 lives, had gained his position because of a forged document, a public inquiry was told yesterday.

Mr Stuart Allen Finlay, who died with his wife and son aged 16 months, had been given permission to captain the 85-tonne vessel after Department of Transport officials had examined the document from the United States Coastguard.

It purported to give him permission to command a passenger sailing ship of up to 100 tonnes in the Atlantic.

In fact, the public inquiry into the disaster was told, a genuine certificate confined him to ships of up to 60 tonnes within a clearly-defined area not more than 100 miles off the US eastern seaboard.

It also emerged that Mr Finlay had little experience of sailing a square-rigged vessel. When *The Marques* was hit by a hurricane squall 90 miles north of Bermuda last summer, he was hundreds of miles from the

area to which Mr Finlay was restricted.

Four Britons died in the ship, which was known to millions of television viewers in Britain for its role in *The Onedin Line* and other programmes.

On the second day of the inquiry, one of the men most closely associated with the ship claimed he had been "gagged" from discovering the truth about the tragedy.

Mr Robin Cecil-Wright, who lost a nephew in the disaster, maintains he is still a half owner of *The Marques*. But his former partner, Mr Mark Litchfield, of Boxley, Kent, has won a High Court judgement stating that he is the sole legal owner.

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Mr Cecil-Wright said he was concerned that his request to be a party to the inquiry had been rejected by Mr R. F. Stone, QC, the Wreck Commissioner.

Mr Cecil-Wright is contesting the judgement, which states that as from March 1983 Mr Litchfield has been the sole owner of the assets of their former partnership.

Mr Keith Binding, for Mr Litchfield, said that Mr Justice Goulding, in the High Court, had described certain statements made by Mr Cecil-Wright as "false and malicious allegations".

He said that in the view of Judge Goulding, the effect of the allegations would have been to give the insurers the right to withdraw their insurance cover to the detriment of any claim made by the victims' families.

Mr Binding said his client had sought permission for Mr Cecil-Wright to give evidence at the inquiry, and to be a party to it subject to the permission of Mr Stone. The inquiry continues.



Detective Constable Cliff Wesley, of the serious crime squad, displaying machetes found after the Handsworth riots (Photograph: Chris Heims).

Machetes seized in riot haul

Birmingham police yesterday displayed an arsenal of weapons found in the aftermath of last month's Handsworth riots.

The haul included nine machetes, flick knives, a ceremonial sword, and meat cleavers, including one coloured silver with Chinese markings.

The weapons are being held in a multi-storey police car park where an estimated £1 million in property said to have been stolen during the two days of riots is stored.

Mr Tom Meffer, the West Midlands assistant chief constable, said: "Police were lucky not to have suffered more serious injuries. Some of these weapons were recovered from people, some were found in the streets, some were found in houses."

He praised the people of Handsworth for their co-operation with the police. "We couldn't get through to them in the first two or three days after the riots, but when people began to realize the enormity of what had happened they began to give information."

He said a total of 194 people, most aged between 16 and 25, had been charged with offences ranging from murder to arson, burglary, looting, handling stolen property, and causing criminal damage.

West Midlands County Council is investigating claims totalling £36 million for riot damage. The bill was first estimated at about £5 million.

Majority favour fixed Channel link

About 70 per cent of Britons want a fixed link across the Channel, according to a Mori poll published yesterday. It is supported by 76 per cent of Labour voters, 73 per cent of Alliance and 64 per cent of Conservatives.

The Eurotunnel bridge project, along with other contenders, will present its final proposals to the Government by the end of this month. Its chairman, Sir Nigel Brookes, said yesterday:

By Our Transport Editor

He expects no problem either in raising finance or in making a profit. Revenue of £1.45 billion is predicted for the year 2000, on operating costs of £113 million and interest charges of about £650 million.

Eurotunnel's scheme, with its two artificial islands in the Channel, would cost £4.75 billion; £3.5 billion for a combined bridge and tunnel for road traffic and £1.25 billion for a rail tunnel.

If the Government approves the scheme in the new year, the public would be able to buy shares in it in 1987 and completion would be in 1993. A fixed link should capture 60 per cent of car traffic and 30 per cent of freight but, Sir Nigel said, there was no desire to put the ferries out of business.

C5 dealer blames lack of publicity

By Bill Johnstone and Patience Wheatcroft

Promises of an advertising campaign to help retailers sell the electric tri-cycle, Sinclair C5, were not fulfilled, the managing director of one of the high street retailers which bought the product has claimed.

Mr Tom Cole, of Wigfala, says: "No one would have stocked the product if it had not been for the promise of a large advertising campaign. It did not materialise."

The Yorkshire-based retail chain bought about 120 of the vehicles when they were launched at the beginning of the year and Sinclair Vehicles, the designers, made the product available in the high street. The group sold only about 20 at the original price of £299 and about two months ago cut the price by half to attempt to clear the stock.

By August the company had started selling the machines at £99, a special offer to attract customers into a new store. About forty were sold in this promotion and similar ones at the same price.

The retailer has been called in by the Sinclair electric car company, now called TPD because of mounting debts. About 110 companies are owed £700,000.

The sales of the C5 have been far below expectation. Nine of the retailers is aware of the type of person that has bought the vehicles, but it has failed as a method of urban transport. It is seen as an expensive toy or as a means of transport in a closed environment such as a holiday camp or golf course.

Sir Clive Sinclair, the creator of the vehicle, supposed it to be the forerunner of a series of family electric vehicles. He has blamed bad publicity as the reason for the failure of the machine.

The two Blackpool businessmen who want to take over Sir Clive's failed C5 electric car business, said yesterday that if they succeeded they will offer Sir Clive a seat on the board of the company.

Mr Barrie Wainwright and his partner, Mr John Holden, believe in the future of the C5, but they see it as an upmarket toy rather than a serious mode of transport. They say they have spent the past four months researching the market for the vehicle in Europe and the Middle East.

"We now have orders for more than 800 C5s in the pipeline," Mr Wainwright says. "An order for another 100 came in the post this morning."

But Mr Wainwright says that he has had difficulties persuading the Sinclair company to deal with him. He met Sir Clive in July and explained that he thought the C5 should be marketed as a toy, but the inventor was insistent that it should be viewed as a serious mode of transport.

In spite of the disagreement, Mr Wainwright and Mr Holden pursued their idea and set up a company, Space-Riders International SA, to import the vehicles into Spain.

They envisage the C5, with only minor modifications, being used on great deal on Spain's many golf courses.

Man 'threw cold water over child'

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

A man threw cold water over his lover's son aged two when he played with the hot tap in the bath, and then told a visitor what he had done, Bristol Crown Court was told yesterday.

Miss Julie Browning of Hayes Road, Sully, South Glamorgan, also said that when she was at the house of James Lane, aged 31, and his lover, Gail Clement, aged 21, at Treguth Court, Barry, she heard Mr Lane frequently swear at Nicholas Clement and his sister, Betham, aged one.

Mr Lane and Miss Clement deny ill-treating the children.

Dr Jonathan Sibert, a consultant paediatrician at Llandough Hospital, who the court was told, is a specialist in child abuse cases, said he examined both children on April 25 last year.

He said the boy had a total of nine bruises over the lower back, both buttocks and the right thigh.

"I would have thought that the linear bruise on the left buttock was typical of a weapon such as a stick or curtain rule."

The others were typical of the bruises one sees in non-accidental injuries caused by blows from the hand or fist.

He added that the girl has two severe bruises on the left buttock and left thigh. The case continues today.

Prisoner's idea makes a fortune

By George Reynolds, a former safebreaker, was presented with the Furniture Industry Research Association's gold award yesterday for his kitchen worktops, an idea he thought of while he was in prison.

His company, Direct Worktops of Shildon, Co Durham, is the largest manufacturer of worktops in the world.

After receiving the award, Mr Reynolds, who is now a millionaire, said: "My profession used to be safebreaking. I thought up the kitchen worktop scheme when I was doing time in Durham prison. It has been so successful I am now breaking the bank."

Mr Reynolds, aged 48, who lives at Winton Hall, Winton Wear, Co Durham, said: "My probation officer told me: 'I was thick. Now I have a mansion, a Rolls-Royce, a Mercedes, a wife and two beautiful little daughters. And he is still writing out reports.'"

His company started four years ago with 12 workers. Now he employs 170 people and hopes to take on another 900 in a year.

He said: "Crime doesn't pay. A lot of people criticize prison. But it was good for me. I learnt a lot of drive and initiative in there. I may not be bright, but I work hard."

Tighter checks on child abuse

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Wives can be compelled to give evidence against their husbands in cases involving violent or sexual assault on children under the age of 16, Mr Giles Shaw, Minister of State, Home Office, said yesterday.

The measure, introduced under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act, is part of government strategy he outlined yesterday reflecting its concern about child abuse.

"We believed it necessary and right to strengthen the hand of the prosecuting authorities in this way, so that the court would have all the relevant information before it, given the seriousness of some offences committed within the family," Mr Shaw said.

He gave details of a tightening of controls to prevent abuse

when he spoke to the Westminster Committee for the Protection of Children.

A wide extension of present means of checking the criminal background of those seeking to work with children will come into effect early in the new year. Arrangements for reporting convictions are to be improved. The recommendations now are limited to those working in the statutory sector.

In addition, members of house holds who mind or foster children and who are not already subject to those checks will be vetted.

The review came after the sentence imposed on Colin Evans in December 1984, for the murder of Maire Payne, Evans, who had a record of offences against children, had

previously obtained voluntary work during which he was able to associate with young children.

Mr Shaw referred to "the appalling cases of child abuse" which had been widely reported recently, such as the death of Leoni Keating. The government was concerned to help stop or reduce the likelihood of such horrific events being repeated.

Referring to incest, Mr Shaw said that the Home Office and the Director of Public Prosecutions kept in close touch over developments. "But in my view this type of child abuse is less acceptable to the full glare of criminal law initiatives and much more sensitively dealt with where a social worker, teacher, or doctor is alert to abuse in an individual case."

Kevin Keegan signs for career in television

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

The former England football captain Kevin Keegan yesterday joined the staff of Thames Television. He will become a company's resident football expert, and will also be involved in light entertainment and children's programmes.

His career as a television personality begins on *Midweek Sport Special* tonight when he will be involved in coverage of England's World Cup qualifying match against Turkey at Wembley stadium.

He said yesterday: "I never saw myself going into football management when I finished playing. I've always wanted to be in television."

He has signed a two-year contract and among his first



Kevin Keegan, whose new TV job begins today.

projects will be a football school aimed at younger children, placing the emphasis on fun in playing the game rather than professional commitment.

Toyota unveils futuristic 131mph coupé

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

A new 131mph Toyota Celica coupé, which goes on sale in Britain next month, has pride of place on the Japanese company's biggest stand at London's Motorfair, which opens in Earls Court tomorrow.

The first front-wheel-drive Celica is powered by a 2-litre version of the 1.6-litre, 16-valve engine which gives Toyota's futuristic looking MR2 sports car such an exhilarating performance.

The new Celica has 42 per cent more power than its predecessor and will challenge the Porsche 924's domination of the £10,000-£12,000 sector of the sports car market. The price is expected to be between £10,500 and £11,000, compared with the 924's £12,258.

It is one of the most comprehensively-equipped in its class with an electric sunroof, electric windows and mirrors, central locking and air conditioning.

The newcomer faces a formidable task if it is to improve on the success of its rear-wheel-drive predecessor. Since it was launched 15 years ago the Celica has become the world's best selling coupé. More than 2.75 million have been built.

The first open-top Vauxhall for 50 years will be on General Motors' stand. A Cavalier 1.8i has been converted by Hammond and Thiede, West German custom car builders.

GPs should question patients on sex, Aids specialist says

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Many family doctors in Britain are failing to recognize symptoms of Aids in their patients, a leading specialist in the disease said yesterday.

The doctors must overcome embarrassment and be more direct in asking patients about their sexual behaviour, Dr Brian Gazzard, a consultant physician at the Westminster and St Stephen's hospitals in London, said. Some general practitioners "would benefit from classes in sex education," he said.

Dr Gazzard, speaking at the British Medical Association Congress in Cairo, said it was apparent from talking to some doctors at the congress that they knew little about Aids (acquired immune deficiency syndrome), or its symptoms. "I have been asked by some doctors here whether they can become infected from their patients," he said.

"They must get used to asking more about the sex lives of their patients. The crucial question they must ask male patients is if they are homosexuals who belong to the group most at risk from Aids", he said.

Dr Gazzard issued a warning that the number of Aids cases in Britain might quadruple within the next year from the present figure of about 200. "I believe that 800 cases next year is a conservative estimate."

5 per cent and 20 per cent would develop the disease.

"It is clear that the United Kingdom is faced with a major cumulative curve of the number of new cases closely parallels that seen in the initial stage of the outbreak in the United States, and there is no reason to suppose that the disease will pursue a markedly different course in Britain," Dr Gazzard said. About 13,000 people in the United States are known to have contracted Aids.

British family doctors were conservative people who felt awkward in inquiring about the sexual behaviour of their patients, he said. "But unless they become more candid in questioning patients they will continue to fail to recognize symptoms of the Aids infection. If they do not understand which sexual practices are more likely to lead to infections they will be unable to offer patients adequate advice."

He added: "Doctors must realize that a young otherwise fit man who comes to the surgery with a severe rash, unexplained weight loss, extreme fatigue, enlarged lymph nodes or diarrhoea is at very high risk of having the infection. The first question to ask is whether that patient is homosexual, but very often that is the last question in the doctor's mind."

Dr Gazzard urged doctors to study the guidelines sent recently by the Department of Health and Social Security. The notes were helpful in understanding Aids, and in counselling patients with symptoms of the virus, he said.

Private VD clinic given freedom to advertise

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The first private clinic specializing in venereal disease has been given dispensation by the Department of Health and Social Security to advertise. A law introduced in 1917 forbids advertising by such specialist private practices and aimed to protect people from charlatans who dispensed medically useless and potentially dangerous concoctions.

The new consultancy, called the Regent's Park Clinic, in Gloucester Place, London, was founded by Miss Barbara Binding, a state registered nurse, with experience in general private medicine. Two genito-urinary consultants and two gynaecologists, who are attached to London teaching hospitals, will work at the clinic.

The department said yesterday there was provision under the law for exceptions to be considered. Each case was judged on merits, and permission would be granted only if a list of technical demands were met.

Miss Binding said yesterday that many people needed confidential out-of-hours service, rapidly accessible. She believed there was a vulnerable group between the ages of 18 and 23 from the entertainment, media and advertising world who were either reluctant, or found difficulties, going elsewhere.

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Ban on misleading slimming adverts

Advertisements for slimming aids which promise weight loss within a short period of time have been proscribed by the Advertising Standards Authority ASA after a spate of complaints.

The authority yesterday called on advertisers of such products to check before publication to avoid using words that contravene its code.

A spokesman said yesterday of the 37 cases the ASA had pursued so far this year, most concerned a guarantee of

weight loss or the misleading use of "before and after" photographs.

"There is no sign of any end to public interest in the latest ways of slimming. If anything, the methods and the advertisements for them are more numerous than ever before."

"Even today we hear of slimming potions, hoopes and belts. The slimming properties of at least one of the belts lay solely with being padlocked snugly round the waist to combat over-indulgence."

The authority recently ruled out two advertisements with claims stating "I lost 2lbs every day" and "I lost 28lbs in five weeks".

The authority also investigated complaints of sexist advertising although it has not taken any action. In one case a company advertised a shredding machine accompanied by a photograph of a scantily clad girl and the caption "Strips at the touch of a button". The advertiser said it had now been withdrawn.

National decline unless manufacturing is increased, peers say

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

Britain faces a political, economic and social crisis unless there is an urgent and radical change in attitude towards manufacturing industry, a parliamentary report claims today.

A House of Lords select committee, consisting of some of Britain's most eminent businessmen and industrialists, says that unless immediate steps are taken to enlarge the declining manufacturing base to combat the imminent fall in North Sea oil revenue, the effect will be horrifying.

The report, described by one peer as the most comprehensive survey of the British industrial scene since the Second World War, predicts that without change there will be a contraction of manufacturing to the point where much of it is put at risk: such an adverse balance of payments that severely deflationary measures will be needed; lower tax revenue for public spending on welfare, defence and other areas.

It also predicts higher unemployment, with little prospect of reduction, a stagnating economy with rising inflation, driven up by a falling exchange rate; an irreplaceable loss of gross domestic product.

The report adds: "The committee takes the view that, together, these prospects constitute a grave threat to the standard of living of the British people."

"Failure to recognize these dangers now could have a devastating effect on the future economic and political stability of the nation."

"The situation in which we find ourselves is not self-correcting: things will not come right of their own accord. Urgent action is required, not only by government but by everyone."

The almost unprecedented tone of the unanimous report is given added emphasis by the experience of peers on the overseas trade select committee who wrote it.

Chaired by Lord Aldington, chairman of Sun Alliance, it includes Lord Boardman, chairman of the National Westminster Bank; Lord Ezra, chairman of the National Coal Board until 1982; Lord Kearton, former chairman of Courtlands and BNO; and Lord Beswick, former chairman of British Aerospace.

"All members agree that there is an urgency about the position of manufacturing industry that needs tackling by the whole nation at once."

"It is neither exaggeration nor irresponsible to say that the present situation undoubtedly contains the seeds of a major political and economic crisis in the foreseeable future. Yet the nation at large appears to be unaware of the seriousness of the predicament," the peers say.

With manufacturing output having plunged, the historic balance of trade surplus in manufactured goods turned into a deficit of £2.4 billion in 1983, £3.8 billion in 1984 and £2 billion for the first half of this year.

But its effect has been masked by the surplus trade balance in oil of £6.8 billion, £7.1 billion and £4.2 billion for the corresponding period, the report says.

While there are no signs of improvement in the manufacturing side, the oil trade surplus will almost certainly peak this year, the peers say. They believe it would be prudent for Britain to expect there may be no oil surplus by 1990 and a deficit by the end of the century.

The select committee condemns the "unrealistic and

dangerously short-sighted" Treasury view that the decline in North Sea oil's surplus trade balance will result in an automatic recovery of exports in manufactured goods.

It takes issue with the Government's faith in the ability of the services sector to continue to take up an increasing role in the economy. It is "inconceivable" that services and investment income can expand sufficiently to fill the gap between falling oil revenue and the deficit in manufactures.

"Valuable though the services sector is, the committee considers that growth still depends primarily on manufacturing."

The peers add: "Without greater consistency of government policy towards industry and a closer identification of interest between government and industry there is, in the committee's view, no reason to suppose that events will change their course by way of an automatic recovery."

"Things will not simply come right on the night and many important witnesses have expressed this view."

In its recommendations the select committee emphasizes the need for a change in the national attitude towards manufacturing. All people, in government and political parties, managers and the workforce, industry and financial institutions, the media and consumers, must recognize their future prosperity depends on manufacturing success.

They "regret" that a combination of tight monetary policy and high exchange rates resulted in the loss of a sizeable chunk of Britain's manufacturing base.

Reports from the House of Lords Select Committee on Overseas Trade (Stationery Office, £6.30p).

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Girls top the class at letter writing

Judith Chalmers, the television personality, yesterday with a mailbag full of Sharon Drake, aged seven, of Shipley, West Yorkshire, who was one of five winners in the Post Office's 1985 letter writing competition.

In "A letter to my granny", Sharon Drake described how ancient Egyptian mummies were made.

Girls took all the awards in the competition which was open to all children

aged up to 17 and attracted 121,000 entrants. At a ceremony at Post Office headquarters in London the winners were each presented with £250 in National Savings certificates.

The other winners were: Harriet Crawford, aged 10, of Banbury, Oxfordshire; Jeanne Reid, aged 13, of Edinburgh; Louise Davies, aged 13, of Swansea; and Clare Colhoun, aged 15, of Maryport, Cumbria. (Photograph: Bill Warhurst).

Review of lending to Asians sought

By Pat Healy, Race Relations Correspondent

Thirty leading building societies and banks are to be approached about their lending policies on mortgages after an investigation by the Commission for Racial Equality found that they were likely to be discriminating unintentionally against Asians.

The investigation was carried out over almost five years in Rochdale, Lancashire, which has a substantial Asian population living in housing typical of inner-city areas where most black British families live. It looked at both local authority practices and those of building societies.

The results showed that Asian owner-occupiers were three times as likely as whites to have a council loan, but much less likely to have a building society loan.

Asians were found to be twice as likely to be refused a loan because they wanted to buy the wrong kind of house. But further investigation showed that there was no commercial justification for refusing, and

that practices had been developed that indirectly discriminated against Asians.

Building societies refused to lend on houses that lacked front gardens, were too cheap or were in specified areas. All those criteria discriminated indirectly against Asians who wanted to buy cheaper terrace properties in the inner areas of the town.

The societies concerned agreed that their practices were unjustified, and have accepted changes which the CRE is recommending to all lending institutions. These include adopting equal opportunity policies, monitoring loan applications from people of different ethnic groups, and training staff on implementing the new policies.

Mr Peter Newsam, chairman of the CRE, said yesterday that the results were not unique to Rochdale, and the commission wanted all lending agencies to review their practices to ensure that their equal opportunities policies were working.

Mortgage rates cut, page 21

Work absences are highest in North

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

Absenteeism in industry is highest in the north of England and Northern Ireland and in areas where there is a high level of unemployment, according to a survey published today by the Industrial Society.

The national absenteeism rate is 4.6 per cent but several regions including the North-west and North-east have higher figures. The survey also found that workers took more time off for sickness and other reasons in large companies than in small businesses.

A rate of 3.35 per cent is recorded for businesses with up to 100 employees but that rises to a peak of 4.87 in companies with a 5,001 to 10,000 workforce. The figure falls back slightly to 4.63 in very large corporations.

The national rate of 4.6 per cent compares with the 5 per cent recorded in the General Household Survey in 1982. The Industrial Society found that manual employees are absent almost twice as much as white-collar staff who are absent twice

as much as management. Companies questioned on statutory sickleave pay and self-certification arrangements believed that they had no impact on the level of absenteeism, although a high proportion were dissatisfied with the new scheme.

Evidence emerged that companies found attendance bonuses did little to reduce absenteeism.

Survey of absence rates and attendance bonuses (Industrial Society, 3 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1, £10).

Blind mother stole from shop

A blind mother of five children who was arrested for shoplifting received a three month jail sentence, suspended for two years at Bow Street Magistrates' Court yesterday.

Jane Cochran, aged 46, of Blackheath, south London, pleaded guilty to stealing two women's suits valued at £286 from a shop in Regent Street on July 16. An accomplice, Dee Hari, aged 21, was put on probation for six months.

Ford chief accused of humbug

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

A leading importer of Japanese cars yesterday attacked the "double standards" adopted by Mr Sam Toy, chairman of Ford in Britain, in a recent speech condemning Japanese imports, while justifying his own role as Britain's biggest car importer.

Mr Peter Beaumont, managing director of the Colt Car Company, importers of Mitsubishi vehicles, said that in the first nine months this year Ford sold as many imported cars as the Japanese and Corcoran countries together. It registered more than 180,000, the equivalent of 12 per cent of the new car market.

The Spanish-built Fiesta was the third best seller in the country, with the predominantly West German-built Escort as number one, he said.

"I think we are all getting rather tired of this humbug about Japanese imports. It is the persistent worship of the market share idol by the big manufacturers in this country which causes them to over-produce and create an unhealthy atmosphere in which we all have to reap the unwelcome reward."

Mr Beaumont, speaking in London on the eve of the Earls Court Motorfair, said that there were many reports of Ford dealers selling cars at factory wholesale prices and depending on company bonuses for their profit. But the decline and deterioration of the retail trade was the road that would beat the manufacturers in the end.

Irish strike

Schools, sea and airports, government and local authority offices, the courts and other services were halted in the Irish Republic yesterday as up to 170,000 public service workers went on a 24 hour strike, the country's first nationwide stoppage, in support of a pay claim.

Caledon divorce

Lady Caledon ended her six-year marriage to Lord Caledon yesterday because of his adultery with an unnamed woman when she was granted a decree nisi in the London Divorce Court.

Ski record

Miss Wendy Mason, aged 26, of Carlisle, who has only one leg, established a world and national female disabled water-ski record of 42.25mph on Windermere in the Lake District yesterday.

Wembley ban

Alcohol would not be sold at Wembley for the World Cup matches against Turkey today and Northern Ireland on November 13. Mr Ted Croker, secretary of the Football Association, said yesterday.

Search for acceptable reform

RATES

The Government was accused of "lurching" from uncertainty to indecision about reform of the rating system by Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, leader of the Opposition peers, during question time in the House of Lords.

He demanded a clear statement on whether the Government intended to adhere to its pledge to abolish domestic rates.

Lord Elton, Minister of State for the Environment, replied that it was not possible to plump instantly for one alternative solution without creating uproar.

He said: We are not lurching from uncertainty to indecision.

Lord Campbell of Croy (C) had opened the exchanges by asking whether the Government had decided to propose and carry out a fundamental reform of the system of local government rates.

Lord Elton was greeted with laughter on the Opposition benches when he replied: We hope to publish proposals in a consultative document at about the turn of the year.

Parliament today

Lords (2.30p) Transport Bill, further consideration on report.

Baronet found dead in car was 'workaholic'

Sir John Lyell Langman, aged 73, a farmer who was described as a "workaholic", took his own life for no apparent reason, an inquest at Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, said yesterday.

Sir John, who held the rank of major in the former North Somerset Yeomanry and was educated at Christ Church, Oxford, left his farm to deliver vegetables to a harvest festival service early this month.

He was found next day on his estate at Perrots Brook Farm, near Cirencester. There was a hose leading from the exhaust of his Range Rover and the windows and doors had been sealed.

His widow, in a statement read to the inquest, said: "I think he was a workaholic. He had been working very hard on our dairy produce business, but gave no indication of being depressed."

Sir John left a note for his wife in the car, but it was not read out by the coroner, Mr David Faulkner, who recorded a verdict of suicide.

SNP promotes younger, fresher image

By Ronald Faux

With only two MPs at Westminster, one in Europe and independence still a distant vision, the Scottish National Party launched in Edinburgh yesterday "the new Scotland campaign", which it hopes will reinforce its image as a moderate, centre-left political party.

After 20 years or so as part of the political furniture the SNP is not as different or exciting as we once were," a party spokesman admitted. The new campaign was designed to reflect a younger, fresher, SNP.

The main theme will be "North Sea oil - the next 10 years", explaining why Scots should demand a share in their wealth.

The party will press the advantage of having an independent Scottish presence in Europe contrasting with the "dismal deal" that the country receives as a region of Britain.

Oxford Street hawkers lose court battle

The Court of Appeal yesterday supported moves to rid Oxford Street, in central London, of its illegal street traders.

The court granted Westminster City Council injunctions preventing eight men from setting up pitches without licence.

Mr Terence Harvey, one of the traders, told the judges: "You have had the pleasure of putting eight men on the dole."

After Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, told him he was still allowed to sell newspapers which did not need a licence, he replied: "Thank you very much. You are not a bad lad."

In August Mr Justice Tudor Price refused to grant an injunction, saying it had been Parliament's intention for street traders to be dealt with by Magistrates.

But in overturning that ruling, Sir John said the present law was wrong. He said the traders who regarded them as an "unavoidable overhead"

PARLIAMENT OCTOBER 15 1985 PLO talks cancelled • British disappointment

Britain did not bow to US pressure

MIDDLE EAST

The decision yesterday by Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, to call off a meeting with two senior members of the Palestine Liberation Organization, was made because one of the two was unwilling to accept a specific reference, in a statement to be issued after the talks, to Israel's right to exist, Lady Young, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, told the House of Lords.

There was no truth in suggestions that the negotiations were abandoned because of pressure from the United States or from any other government, she said.

Lady Young, in a statement, said the British Government had previously received assurances that the two Palestinians, Mr Mihmeel and Bishop Khoury, would make clear publicly that they supported a peaceful settlement of the Arab-Israeli dispute on the basis of the relevant United Nations resolutions and were opposed to terrorism and violence.

Last week Britain's ambassador at Amman negotiated with the Jordanian Prime Minister the text of a statement to be issued by Sir Geoffrey Howe. This stated that the delegation confirmed their opposition to terrorism and violence and said that a settlement should

recognize the rights of the Palestinian people, including the right to self-determination within the context of a Jordanian-Palestinian confederation, as well as the right to secure existence of all states in the area, including Israel within its 1967 borders.

On Sunday afternoon the two Palestinians said they were not, after all, willing to associate themselves with this statement.

One of the Palestinian members of the delegation was unwilling to accept a specific reference to Israel's right to exist, Lady Young said. We concluded that in these circumstances the meeting with the joint delegation could not take place.

King Hussein and his government shared the British government's disappointment at this setback. The Government still supported the King's initiative as the best prospect of further progress.

The international community must be ready to encourage those who are working for a peaceful settlement in the Middle East.

We have shown that we are ready to do so. There can be no lasting settlement until all others are ready to do the same. We have made plain our deep disappointment that the opportunity offered by our invitation to the joint delegation has been missed.

Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, for the Opposition, said that at one fell swoop the Government had succeeded in offending everyone. It still appeared failure might have been

due to lack of detailed preparation by the Government.

He asked if the position of the Palestinians was clarified well before the meeting was arranged. Who had given the unambiguous assurances mentioned in the statement?

Was there any consultation with the government of the United States before the meeting, with the Israeli government or with any other government, including Britain's European Community partners?

Lord Gladwyn (L) asked why if there had been agreement in principle the formula was not published when the invitation was issued.

After he (said) had been formally and publicly agreed by the Palestinians and Jordanians then, it could hardly have been repudiated later.

Were the talks, at least in part, abandoned because of pressure put on the Government by President Reagan and the Israeli government as a result of the Achille Lauro affair for which the PLO must bear perhaps most of the responsibility?

Lady Young said the Government had behaved throughout the whole negotiation with prudence and care, making clear the terms on which the meeting could take place.

I make absolutely clear, there is no truth at all that the negotiations were abandoned because of pressure by the United States or indeed pressure by any other government. She had no wish to hide anything from the House because the

Government had acted responsibly in a difficult situation.

The assurances were made with the Jordanian prime minister and the statement cleared with him and with Bishop Khoury. The Government understood from the Jordanian prime minister that Mr Mihmeel would agree to the statement.

The Bishop of Gloucester (Dr John Yates) said Bishop Khoury was an Anglican bishop and it would be a great comfort and help to his fellow Christians in Britain if it could be confirmed that he had consistently renounced violence.

It was conventional that Anglican bishops visiting Britain visited privately the Archbishop of Canterbury and Bishop Khoury's visit to Lambeth Palace should be seen in this context.

Lady Young said Bishop Khoury had denied allegations of complicity in terrorism and he had never been prosecuted by the Israeli authorities for terrorism. In this situation Bishop Khoury had acted with courage.

The Earl of Onslow (C) said this had been a courageous gambing initiative. Mrs Thatcher had been trying her best to make the Palestinians help themselves. Could they have an undertaking that this process would continue.

Lady Young said the Government would persevere in a search for a way to advance the cause of peace in the Middle East.

Lord Stewart of Fulham, a former Labour foreign secretary, said it seemed that the vital assurances

were given to the British government not directly but through the Jordanians.

As these assurances (he said) were vital to the holding the conversations at all was it not imprudent to be content with anything less than a direct face to face commitment by the Palestinians before they came here?

Lady Young: We believed the agreement reached and the assurances given by people acting responsibly, who also had an interest in pursuing the process of peace and also wished for a successful outcome were satisfactory.

Lord Paget of Northampton (Lab) said he had some sympathy for the Foreign Office for having been put in this ridiculous situation, apparently without consultation, by the Prime Minister. Was it not absurd, in any case, to accept as one of the emissaries of peace the Bishop of Jerusalem who had been charged with gun running and had evaded trial by absconding?

Lady Young could not accept that the Foreign Office had been put in a ridiculous position. Neither could she accept the remarks about Bishop Khoury. He had again, recently, denied allegations of complicity in terrorism. It was true that the Israeli authorities claimed he had admitted awareness of transporting for others a package containing explosive. But he had not been prosecuted.

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Reagan rules out apology and hopes time will mollify Mubarak

From Michael Binyon, Washington

President Reagan will not apologize to Egypt for the US interception of the Egyptian plane carrying terrorists, he said yesterday. He was "proud of the job" the pilots had done.

At a Republican rally in Idaho he hailed "a new patriotism alive in this country", and said the pilots "need to know we're behind them all the way".

In his first campaign trip since the capture of the hijackers, however, Mr Reagan said little else about the operation as the White House tried to overcome the strain with America's allies, and in particular Egypt. He made no mention of the disappearance of Mr Abu Abbas, the Palestine Liberation Front leader, accused by the US of having masterminded the hijacking of the liner Achille Lauro.

The administration regrets the continuing bitterness of President Mubarak of Egypt, who said at the weekend that he was

Syracuse inquiry spreads its net

From Patricia Clough, Messina

The Achille Lauro was heading for Messina yesterday to take on board three Syracuse magistrates who want to question the crew about the liner's hijacking.

The magistrates left Messina at midday amid mounting suspicion that the four Palestinian hijackers could have had accomplices among the crew, who either put their arms and explosives on board before they embarked, or allowed others to do so.

They also want to interview particularly a barman who is said to have been an eye witness to the alleged shooting by the terrorists of Mr Leon Klinghoffer, the wheelchair-bound American passenger.

The magistrates said they did not know whether they would question the crew in Messina or continue with the liner on its way to Genoa.

One of the magistrates, Signor Ettore Costanza, was also awaiting permission from Rome to fly to Damascus to inspect the body of Mr Klinghoffer, which was found

in the sea yesterday off the Syrian port of Tartus and has reportedly been handed over to the American Embassy in Damascus.

Signor Dolcino Favi, the magistrate heading the investigation, said so far they had found no reason to doubt that Mr Klinghoffer had been shot by the terrorists. The four were flatly denying they killed him.

The four hijackers were transferred amid a massive and heavily-armed police guard on Monday night from the decrepit Syracuse jail to an ultra-modern maximum security prison on the outskirts of Spoleto, in the hills of Umbria, Central Italy.

The Genoese magistrates issued seven indictments yesterday in connection with the hijacking and murder. Apart from the four in Spoleto and a fifth comrade who was arrested in Genoa before the ship sailed, they include a man who bought the tickets for the group and another accomplice believed to have left the ship at Alexandria.

PLO accuses Howe of 'false' excuses

From Our Own Correspondent, Beirut

Although Mr Yasser Arafat is in Khartoum, his Palestine Liberation Organization yesterday issued identical statements in Amman and Tunis accusing Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary of issuing "false explanations" in order to cancel his meeting with two PLO officials in London on Monday.

The text of a statement prepared by the British side for the talks, it said, "does not agree with the text of the Jordanian-Palestinian accord" reached between Mr Arafat and King Hussein of Jordan.

Just how the text differed from the Arafat-Hussein document - which proposed peace with Israel in return for the occupied West Bank and Gaza and the creation of a Palestinian-Jordanian confederated state - was not revealed.

Nor did the Jordanian press comment on the affair yesterday, even though King Hussein must have been almost as hurt by - though perhaps resigned to - the cancellation.

Israelis jubilant over Palestinian 'defeat'

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Britain's refusal to meet two Palestinian Liberation Organization members and the UN's refusal to allow Mr Yasser Arafat, the PLO chairman, to attend its 40th anniversary celebrations mark a real turning point in Israel's diplomatic battle against the organization.

That is the view of senior Israeli officials here who have been preparing Mr Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister, for his visit to the UN General Assembly.

"It was a political defeat which equalled the PLO's military defeat in Lebanon in 1982," Mr Avi Pazner, the chief foreign ministry spokesman, said. "It will be seen in the future as an historic day. It was the biggest political blow the PLO has ever received."

Kasparov's pawn gambit

From Raymond Keene, Moscow

In game sixteen last night of the world chess championship rematch Gary Kasparov, the challenger, boldly repeated his pawn sacrifice from game 12 against the world champion, Anatoly Karpov.

But many experts were puzzled by his rejection of the puzzle: 14... B-Q6; 15 R-K1; 16 N-N5; 16 B-X6; 17 B-N5; 18 K-R6 double check; 18 K-R1-N-B7 ch, with a draw.

Shultz fails to heal rift with Italy over Abbas

From Frederick Bonhart, Brussels

"We disagree," Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, said of his meeting with Signor Giulio Andreotti, his Italian colleague, before the special meeting of NATO foreign ministers in Brussels yesterday.

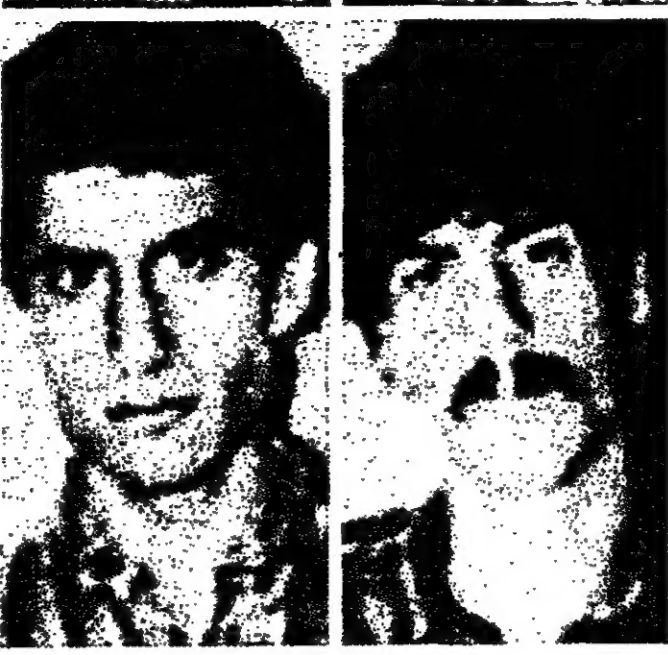
"We haven't composed our differences about the release of Muhammad Abbas," Mr Shultz said. "We are glad to hear that the Italian Government will insist on the evidence is sufficient," but this would not be much use since he had gone, however, he said he had the fullest confidence that the four Palestinian prisoners would be treated according to Italian law and stressed that the US-Italian relationship was strong, co-operative and collaborative.

Signor Andreotti confirmed the existence of an extradition treaty between Italy and the US according to which the US had 45 days in which to provide proof. But "there must be a solid base," he said, "and there wasn't a solid base."

He pointed out that there was no legal reason for keeping Mr Abbas in Italy and that he had gone to Cairo in response to a request for mediation. It had been an enormous mistake to land the Boeing in Sigonella, he added, instead of Rome, where arrangements had been made.

There was a suggestion that Signor Andreotti considered that in the long term, he was doing the Americans a favour by preventing too deep a breach with Egypt.

Mr Shultz approved of Sir Geoffrey Howe's decision not to see the two PLO representatives in London.



The American Television network ABC has released these photographs of the four unnamed hijackers of the Achille Lauro, who are being held in an Italian jail

Cairo seeks to calm anger at air interception

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

As Western diplomats in Damascus were last night trying to discover if the body of an elderly man washed ashore off the coast of Syria on Monday night was that of Mr Leon Klinghoffer, the American pensioner murdered by the Palestinian hijackers of the Achille Lauro, Egyptian officials were doing their best to reduce the anger provoked by President Reagan's decision to intercept the Egyptian aircraft carrying the hijackers to freedom.

It might yet prove to be a hard task. During the morning, their Egyptian lawyers' syndicate hung a series of banners round their headquarters in the centre of Cairo, announcing that the Camp David peace treaty with Israel should be torn up.

In Tahrir Square during the morning, several men could be seen walking through the traffic jams, screaming abuse about President Reagan and dragging the Stars and Stripes on the roadway beside their feet.

Mr Butros Ghali, the Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, said in an official statement that neither the Israeli air raid on the PLO headquarters in Tunis nor the US interception of the Egyptian plane would "affect Egypt's political will to seek a comprehensive and just peace in the Middle East."

His words were supplemented by articles in Cairo newspapers which urged Egyptians to "forgive and forget" America's transgressions - providing President Reagan swiftly sponsors some new initiatives towards a Middle East peace.

US missile treaty decision pleases Nato ministers

From Frederick Bonhart, Brussels

Concern about strict adherence to the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty and satisfaction with President Reagan's decision to accept the "restrictive" interpretation marked yesterday's special meeting of NATO's foreign ministers in Brussels.

The meeting had been called at the insistence of the Belgian and Dutch governments to enable all the NATO partners to be briefed on the American position before the Reagan-Gorbachev summit on November 19-20 and to be able to give their views.

Both Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, and Mr Hans Van Den Broek, his Dutch colleague, had previously emphasized the importance of adhering to the accepted concept of the interpretation of the treaty. Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, promised "We will hold fast to the

restrictive interpretation of the ABM treaty". He promised consultations if a change was contemplated, first with the allies, and then with the Soviet Union.

Considerable interest was shown in arms control by all the allies who, as Mr Van Den Broek said, were encouraging the Americans to ensure that the dynamic of the negotiating process had to be maintained and that it was important to submit counter-proposals rapidly to those made by the Soviet Union at Geneva.

"We welcome the Soviet proposal," Mr Shultz said. "There are some interesting things in it". He added that the United States had put some sweeping proposals on the table in the first round of the Geneva negotiations which had been sitting there ever since. Now that the two proposals were on the table, negotiations could begin.

Spain refuses asylum to Saharan refugees

From Harry Debelius, Madrid

Spanish authorities put 21 Saharan refugees on a plane for Tunis yesterday, expelling them and ignoring their requests for political asylum.

The Saharans fled from Morocco to Spain's north African enclave of Ceuta on the southern side of the Strait of Gibraltar early this month. They were said to be members or sympathizers of the Polisario (Saharan Liberation Front), the desert-dwellers' organization which has been fighting

against Morocco since 1975 in an effort to establish the independence of the former Spanish colonial territory of the Sahara. The decision to expel the Saharans avoided tension between Madrid and Rabat, and reflected a recent policy shift. According to a Polisario communiqué, another Saharan who tried to join the 21 refugees in Ceuta was turned over to Moroccan police last week by Spain.

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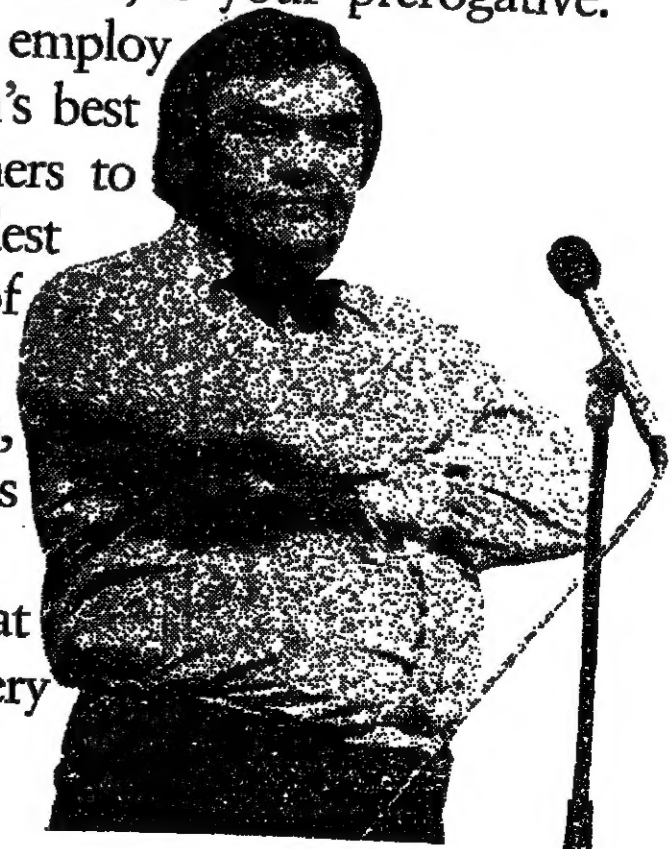
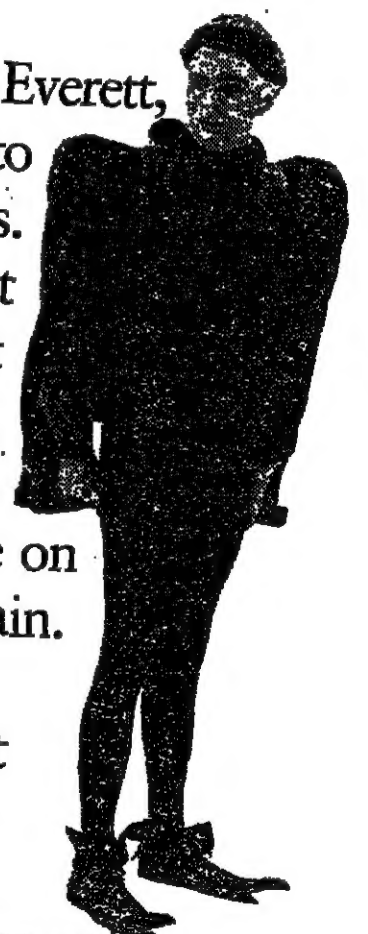
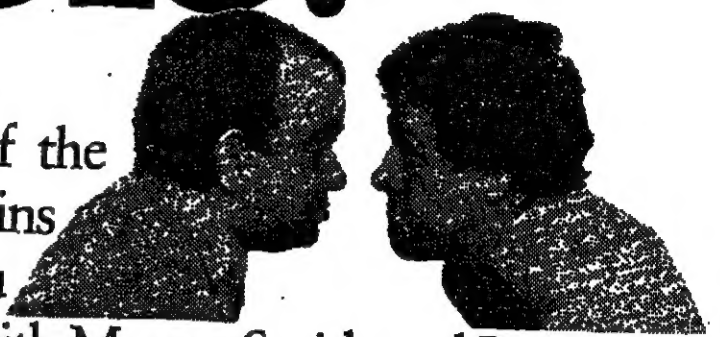
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Gandhi's fears on Sikh extremists eased at successful summit

Britain and India join forces to curb international crime and terror

By Henry Stanhope, Foreign Policy Correspondent

Britain and India are to try to co-ordinate their policies in respect of violent crime and international terrorism, it was disclosed last night.

Agreement in principle was reached after nearly three hours of talks between Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Mr Rajiv Gandhi during the Indian Prime Minister's two-day visit to London.

It is likely to go down as the biggest single achievement of the visit, which came after a difficult 12 months for Anglo-Indian relations after the assassination of Indira Gandhi and the subsequent jubilation among members of Britain's Sikh population of 350,000.

About 200 Sikhs demonstrated in Hyde Park in favour of a separate Sikh state of Khalistan as the two Prime Ministers sat down at 10 Downing Street for the final tête-à-tête of their summit. But the demonstrators faced tight security exemplified by the arrest of 12 Sikh and the Kashmiri extremists before Mr Gandhi even arrived.

Mrs Thatcher revealed at a Downing Street banquet that she had told Mr Gandhi that Britain was ready to see the

Suppression of Terrorism Act of 1978 extended to cover India. This should make it easier to extradite fugitive terrorists from either country, or ensure that they be brought to trial in the country where they are caught.

Sources went further yesterday, however, in announcing that teams of experts were to be established in London and Delhi to study what arrangements should be made to ensure that violent crimes committed in one country would also be regarded as offences in the other.

Those arrested for terrorism in Britain or India would no longer be able to avoid extradition by claiming that their offences were political in nature.

The two heads of government also agreed yesterday that India's seventh five-year plan provided scope for British participation through industrial collaboration and the supply of advanced technology. Progress on a number of contracts was satisfactory, sources added, a clear reference to, among other things, the projected purchase by India of Sea King helicopters and Harrier aircraft.



Mr Gandhi doing the honours for Mrs Thatcher at Downing Street yesterday.

Bush reticent after raising Chinese human rights issues

From Mary Lee, Peking

The US Vice-President, Mr George Bush, surprised the press with his disclosure yesterday that he had raised the question of human rights in China during his meetings with Chinese leaders. But to disclose what he had said, to whom, or how much time discussions of human rights had taken up.

A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman said recently that there were no political prisoners in China and that it was groundless for Amnesty International to accuse his Government of violating human rights. He said executions of criminals was an "internal affair". It was the "will of the people" that only those convicted of "outrageous crimes" were given the death penalty - a bullet in the back of the head.

The US Vice-President's reticence on the subject, analysts say stems from Peking's sensitivity on this "internal" matter. Besides, he had heard enough on this his fourth visit to China about Washington's perceived interference with the other "internal" question of Taiwan.

Despite being told by China's entire leadership that Taiwan was an obstacle blocking the smooth development of Sino-US relations, Mr Bush told a press conference: "I did not get the feeling that there would be no progress, given the status quo (over Taiwan). Each time I've been here the subject has been raised."

"I've had every chance to reiterate the US position at my meetings with Chinese leaders. I don't see any shift in China's position, but (Taiwan) was not the dominant theme of our discussions."

Gregg, took the first set 6-3 but lost the second 6-7 to Wan Li and his young partner.

Wan Li, wearing knee-length baggy shorts, lasted the 90-minute match in good form.

"Certainly for a man of 68, he can more than hold his own," said one sports commentator.

He said Wan Li's unorthodox grip high up the racket handle gave him a formidable slicing forehand.

"They were both playing to win. It was serious tennis," he added.

The American side, featuring Mr Bush and his national security adviser, Mr Donald

some elements in the media and politics did not wish the country to go through the current transitory period or to have a democratic order. He got the impression that these elements did not want stability in Pakistan.

He accused the opponents of the Bill of creating confusion among the people and said the lengthy debate had resulted in a decline in investment and a shaky stock exchange.

Informed official sources here said yesterday that the Government was unlikely to obstruct Miss Benazir Bhutto's departure to France in response to a summons from Paris from the magistrate inquiring into the death of her mother Shahnawaz Bhutto, in Cannes in July.

He said he was certain that

Reagan's blunt advice to Marcos

Washington - President

Reagan has sent Senator Paul Laxalt to the Philippines with what is apparently a blunt assessment of the worsening security situation there and its implications for US interests (Michael Binyon writes).

In May, Mr William Casey, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, urged President Marcos to call immediate presidential elections when the two met in Manila.

Reluctant widow, page 11

Chemical cloud

Parkersburg, West Virginia (AFP) - Eleven people were

treated for skin and eye irritations and several hundred had to be evacuated here after a chemical leaked from a lorry trailer, sending out noxious clouds of gas.

Morocco trial

Marrakesh (AFP) - Thirteen

Islamic militants appeared in court here accused of subversion for having distributed magazines calling for protests against King Hassan. Fifteen others are being tried in their absence.

Cars attacked

Nouméa (Reuters) - Police

arrested 20 Melanesians after cars belonging to settlers opposed to independence from France were stoned at a roadblock outside the New Caledonia capital. One person was wounded.

Belmondo hurt

Evry, France, (Reuters) - The

French film star, Jean-Paul Belmondo, aged 52, was injured slightly when he fell from a ladder suspended from a plane during a television stunt.

Bolshoi back

Peking (Reuters) - A full

troupe from Moscow's Bolshoi ballet company is giving public performances in China for the first time in more than 20 years, visiting Shanghai and Peking.

Taj Mahal leak

Delhi (AFP) - Architects are

working at the Taj Mahal to plug a leak in its 75ft high central dome. The leak was discovered by tourists.

Brussels fears cup violence

Two hundred policemen and 500 gendarmes have been stationed in Brussels and in and around Anderlecht's Parc Astrid stadium for tonight's World Cup qualifying match between Belgium and Holland.

(Jonathan Braude writes). The match, the first international to be played in Belgium since violence left 39 dead and hundreds injured at last May's European Cup Final, has been moved to Anderlecht from the fateful Heysel Stadium.

Police fear bands of Dutch hooligans may descend on Brussels for organised violence after the match, a police spokesman said a leaflet calling on Dutch supporters to "smash everything" in Brussels had been found.

Russian quake toll put at 10

Moscow (Reuters) - About 10 people have died as a result of the powerful earthquake in the central Asian republic of Tadzhikistan on Sunday night, a local journalist said yesterday.

The journalist, from the republic's official daily, *Kommunist Tadzhikistan*, said that damage in the three cities hit by the quake had been slight.

"Nothing disastrous has happened", she said from the republic's capital, Dushanbe. "I believe not many people, around 10, have died."

Transport and water supplies had not been affected and communications were quickly restored. Telephone links to the region were cut throughout Monday.

The quake was believed to be the country's strongest for almost a decade. A Seismological Institute official in Moscow

said on Monday that it measured 6.1 points on the Richter scale.

Monday night's television news, in a brief report from Dushanbe, showed extensive damage - a number of houses demolished, trees uprooted and streets broken up. No new details were given yesterday.

The Government newspaper *Izvestia*, said on Monday that the epicentre was at Kayrakum, a town close to Tashkent.

Relief supplies: Despite low cloud and frigid mountain temperatures, an emergency airlift has poured medicine, sleeping bags and other relief supplies into the earthquake area (a correspondent writes).

MEXICO CITY: The long search for nine-year-old Luis Ramon Nafarrete, thought to have been trapped alive for more than two weeks under rubble after the September 19 earthquake, "is definitely over," police spokesmen confirmed on Monday (Alan Tomlinson writes).

capital of neighbouring Uzbekistan.

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Zia turns on his critics in press and politics

From Hasan Akhtar, Islamabad

President Ziaul-Haq of Pakistan has accused certain elements in the National Assembly and press of adopting an opportunistic attitude and playing a negative role in the debate on a Bill which is supposed to lead to the ending of martial law and the introduction of a civilian Government.

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More US blacks back President

Washington, President Reagan's popularity among blacks has increased substantially since he took office, though most still disapprove of him, according to a new opinion poll (Christopher Thomas writes). Support among whites has risen to 66 per cent, the same as the record level set in 1981.

A New York Times CBS News poll published yesterday found that 38 per cent of blacks approved of Mr Reagan's performance, compared with 18 per cent in 1981 and the all-time low of 10 per cent in 1982. But 60 per cent said that they disapproved of his performance.

The increased popularity is attributed by analysts to the perception by young blacks that the economy is in good shape

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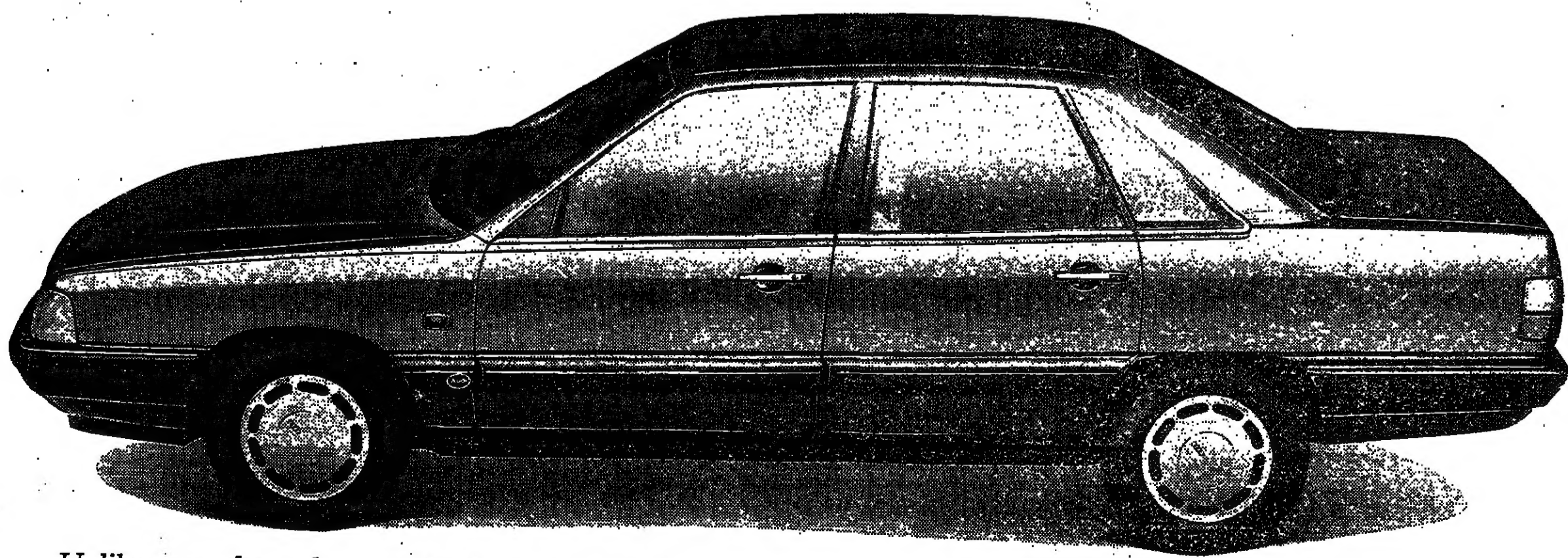
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Black poet will hang on Friday after Botha rules out retrial

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

President Botha of South Africa turned down a petition yesterday for a retrial of a black man sentenced to death in June 1983 for the murder of a security policeman, also black, seven months earlier.

The convicted man, Benjamin Moloise, aged 30, a poet and upholsterer by trade, who had been in "Death Row" in Pretoria Central Prison since his conviction, will be hanged on Friday. No further appeal is possible.

His lawyers secured an 11th-hour stay of execution on August 20 on the basis of medical evidence about Moloise's state of mind at the time of the killing. Britain also made an appeal for clemency.

Fears have been expressed that the execution could provoke a violent reaction from blacks at a time of serious unrest. A partial state of emergency has been in force in South Africa since July 20.

The African National Congress has said that it ordered the killing of the policeman, but claims that Moloise had no part in it. The policeman was apparently killed because he had helped to arrest three ANC leaders who were later executed.

Meanwhile, two white National Servicemen, David Reed, and Martin Cockeran, both aged 19, were convicted yesterday by the Windhoek Supreme Court, of having

murdered an Ovambo shopkeeper in Namibia in February. Sentence has not yet been passed.

In Pretoria, an unnamed white police constable in his early 30s has been suspended from duty pending an investigation into the murder of a 13-year-old black boy, Moses Mope, who was seen being punched and kicked by policemen in the Mamelodi township.

As unrest continued in townships near Capetown, Dr Frederik van Zyl Slabbert, leader of the Opposition in the white chamber of parliament, told a fund-raising rally in the city on Monday night that the government must "get rid of apartheid completely and finally and then negotiate a new and democratic alternative".

Dr Slabbert was speaking after his return from talks with leaders of the ANC in Lusaka, the Zambian capital. He said that it was unreasonable to expect the ANC to lay down its arms so long as the organisation remained banned and apartheid in place.

Eight student leaders and a lecturer at the University of Stellenbosch, the oldest Afrikaans-speaking university, are to hold talks of their own with the ANC's youth league in Lusaka on October 26, against the wishes of the university rector.

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Fast food shops hit

Schoolboy truants apply the screw

In his second article on the black boycott of white shops in South Africa Michael Hornsby reports from Port Elizabeth that the campaign is meeting with more success in small rural towns than in big cities.

The boycott in the Eastern Cape appears to have begun in April in Adelaide, which lies some 100 miles north-east of Port Elizabeth in an area producing wool, citrus fruit and grain.

It was lifted there after certain demands of the local blacks had been met, including the right to graze their cattle on commonage. As in Kenton-on-Sea, this was a case of local whites responding positively to their own initiative to black grievances.

Matters have seldom been resolved as easily elsewhere. The rash of boycotts has spread, affecting at one time or another, it is estimated, more than 60 towns, mostly small rural towns, in the Eastern Cape, one of the main areas of black unrest over the past year.

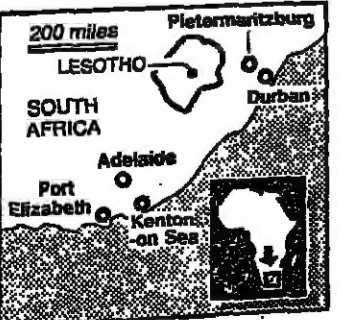
In such places, with perhaps only four or five shops, heavily dependent on the custom of blacks in the adjoining "locations", as the African ghettos are still often called, the boycott has concentrated white minds wonderfully.

Blacks in these places also tend to be more concerned with specific grievances about work or living conditions, which local whites can do something about, rather than with broader political demands.

The reaction of the Government and the police to these stirrings of black-white dialogue at the grassroots has been to arrest many of those blacks negotiating on behalf of their communities, using the State of Emergency Regulations as the pretext.

In Port Elizabeth, a boycott has been in force since July 15. In a big city, however, its effect is more diluted. Fast-food shops, clothing and household goods stores at the north-east end of town near the black townships of New Brighton and Zwile have been badly hit, losing as much as 80 per cent of their trade.

Other shops, with mainly



US upsets Eastern bloc at Europe culture forum

From Richard Bassett, Budapest

The European Cultural Forum, based on a mandate from the Helsinki Final Act on European security and co-operation, opened in Budapest yesterday with the United States delegation delivering a thinly veiled attack on the restrictions on writers and artists in Eastern Europe.

The Forum, attended by delegates from the 35 states which signed the Helsinki accords, will last for six weeks, discussing different aspects of the arts.

In a speech that clearly irritated several Warsaw Pact

delegations, the US spokesman, Mr Walter Stroessel, said the United States had no ministry of Culture because writers and artists, including those in the American delegation, could express their own views.

In reply the Czechoslovak delegation referred in its statement to "certain alarming ideas in earlier speeches".

The 26-member British delegation led by Mr Norman St John Stevas, is expected to meet today. It includes the film producer David Putman, and the director of the Barbican, Mr Henry Wrong.



A lone fireman trying to halt flames that jumped the Pacific Coast highway near Malibu Beach colony.

Hot night for stars as winds fan blaze

From Ivor Davis, Los Angeles

More than 20 bush fires fanned by 50mph desert winds destroyed thousands of acres, dozens of homes and threatened Pepperdine University and the famous Malibu Beach colony, home of stars including Rod Steiger, Linda Ronstadt, Dyan Cannon and Larry Hagman of Dallas.

Scores of students from Pepperdine University less than a mile from the colony, were evacuated during the night as firemen battled blazes in the Southern California beach community.

Investigators said that three different fires had been started within an hour of each other in Malibu. Arson is suspected.

One home owner fighting the blaze died of a heart attack as flames swept over the Santa Monica mountains and jumped the Pacific Coast highway causing 15-mile tail-backs.

Firemen used helicopters and small planes to drop water and fire-retardant chemicals.

At Pepperdine University students evacuated into emergency shelters. All night long at the exclusive Malibu colony residents watered down their homes and slept uneasily as the flames crept closer.

Gulf states close to EEC pact

From Jonathan Brande, Brussels

Foreign Ministers of the EEC and the Gulf states have called for a new economic agreement between the European community and the six members of the Gulf Co-operation Council.

At a first ministerial level meeting between the two groups this week, the acting president of the EEC Council of Ministers, Mr Jacques Poos of Luxembourg, and Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmed al-Jaber of Kuwait called for an in-depth exploration of the issues involved.

The discussions - described as "brainstorming" by one senior EEC official, could lead to agreement on trade, energy, industrial co-operation investment, transfer of technology and training.

Judge rejects Reagan view of Constitution

Washington - A leading liberal judge of the Supreme Court has delivered a stinging rebuff to the Reagan Administration's attempt to persuade the court to take a more conservative line on social and racial issues (Michael Binyon writes).

Justice William Brennan, aged 79, described the Administration's view of the US Constitution as "little more than arrogance cloaked in humility". He rejected the contention by Mr Edwin Meese, the Attorney-General, that the court should stick to a narrow interpretation of the Constitution to avoid political bias.

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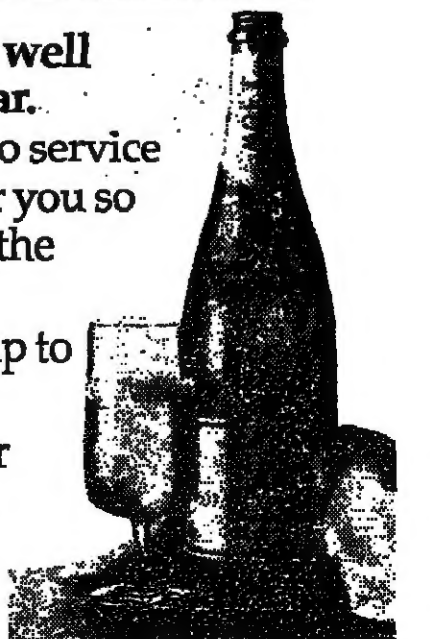
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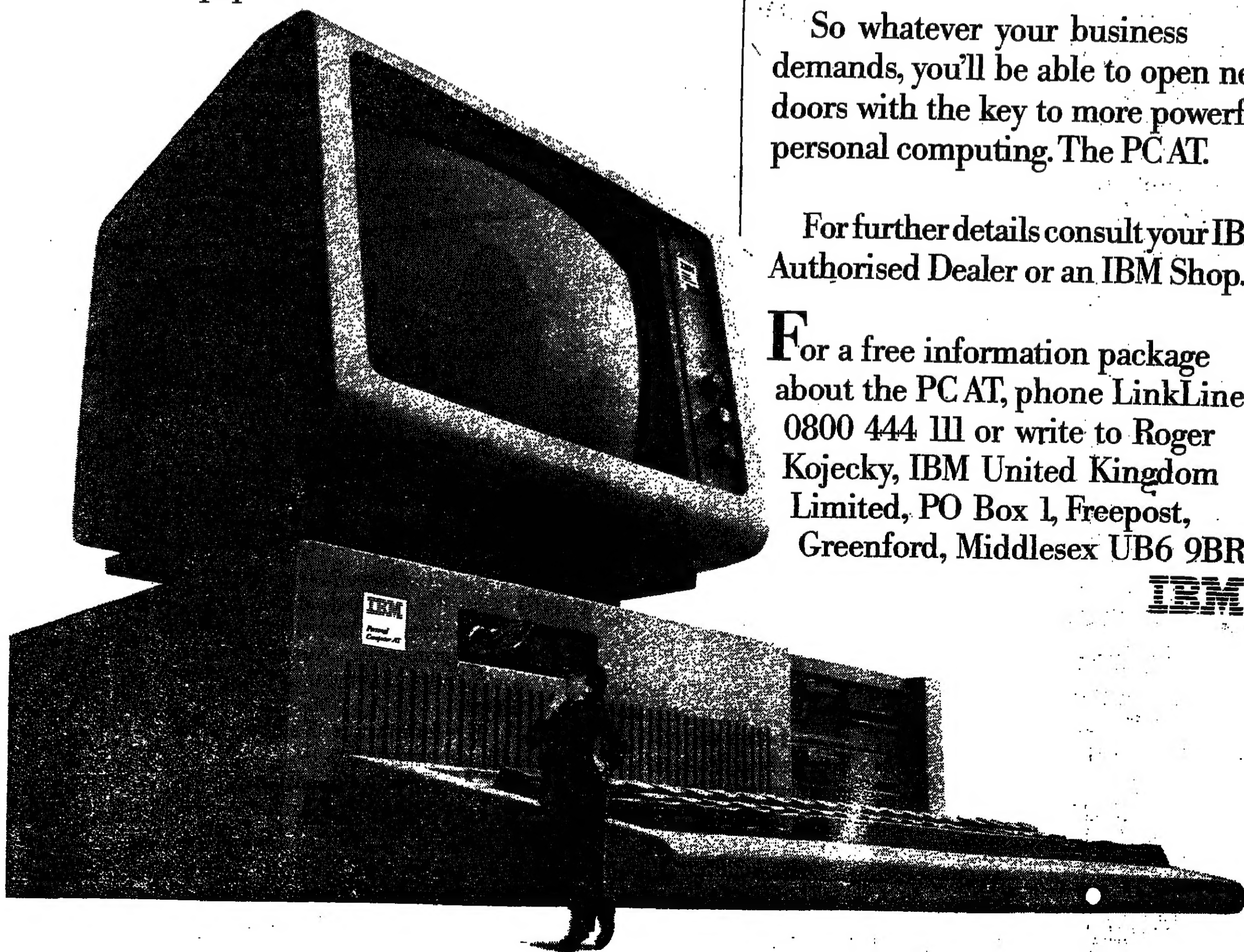
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Tikhonov dropped as Gorbachov unveils new plan for economy

Moscow (AP, Reuter) — Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, yesterday unveiled changes in the state economic plan and the Communist Party programme at a meeting of the party's Central Committee which dropped the former Prime Minister, Mr Nikolai Tikhonov, from the ruling Politburo.

Tass said that the one-day meeting approved further changes which also affect the new Prime Minister, Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov, and the country's new planning chief, Mr Nikolai Talyzin.

The departure of Mr Tikhonov, aged 80, had been certain since he was retired late last month and replaced by Mr Ryzhkov, the party's secretary in charge of the economy.

Mr Ryzhkov was relieved of his secretary's post yesterday because of his new post, Tass said. No successor was named.

The Politburo now has 12 full members. The Central Committee also appointed the new chief of Gosplan, the State Planning Agency, Mr Nikolai Talyzin, as an alternate, or non-voting, member of the Politburo.

The replacement on Monday of Gosplan's long-serving chief, Mr Nikolai Baibakov, by Mr Talyzin was the latest in a series of appointments of younger technocrats to top party and Government posts made since Mr Gorbachov became party chief in March.

Mr Talyzin brought the number of alternate members to five. With his elevation to the head of Gosplan, and the Politburo, Mr Talyzin, aged 56, has leapt from relative obscurity to the senior ranks of the leadership.

A career telecommunications engineer, he entered the central administration in 1980 as a deputy prime minister. He then served as chief Soviet representative to the Comecon communist-bloc trade group.

Mr Tikhonov's departure leaves only a handful of "old guard" members appointed under the late President Brezhnev.

Yesterday's Central Committee plenum meeting was called to approve long-term economic and political programmes setting out guidelines for national development to the end of the century.

Tass said that the draft programme — it replaces the 1968 document adopted under Nikita Khrushchev which is now rarely referred to — and the next five-year plan and long term economic blueprint were endorsed by the Central Committee and would be published later.

They are due to be endorsed by the Communist Party's five-year congress in February.

Drafting the documents began before Mr Gorbachov took office and pledged to revive the economy, largely

through strengthening the central planning mechanism and appointing better managers.

Mr Gorbachov told the Central Committee yesterday that the new programme took a realistic approach to stating party goals.

He said the development of world socialism was being determined by a coalition of forces that included the communist bloc, dozens of developing countries, Western communist parties and "a broad democratic anti-war movement".

He also attacked the United States and the West for seeking "social revenge" against the forces through military superiority.

The new party programme is expected to drop the bombastic promises made under Khrushchev of surpassing US living standards by 1970 and achieving communism by 1980. "The party solemnly proclaims: the present generation of Soviet people shall live under communism," the current programme concludes.

The fact that the meeting discussed the economic plans for the next five years and a more general strategy until 2000 indicated that Mr Gorbachov may reveal more details of his programme to boost the Soviet economy.

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The Queen taking her leave from a youth rally in Nassau, Bahamas, where she arrived on Friday. Yesterday she was ready for her nineteenth engagement in a hectic programme before attending the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting today. Her programme yesterday was much quieter: opening an extension to the College of the Bahamas, touring the facilities for the Commonwealth conference and holding a

reception for the Commonwealth Press Union on the royal yacht Britannia. At Monday's youth rally, after hymns, prayers, bible lessons and choral singing, the "Junkanoo" — a wild, pulsating dance — set the Queen's foot tapping and marked the end of the crowd's polite restraint. Once the conference is under way, she will spend most of her time on Britannia, receiving the heads of government.

Petition call on reluctant widow of Aquino

From Keith Dalton
Manila

A new Philippine group hopes to petition a million signatures by December and to raise more than \$1 million in campaign funds to persuade the widow of the murdered opposition leader, Benigno Aquino, to run for president.

But Mrs Corazon Aquino is a reluctant candidate and declined an invitation to attend the launching of the "Cory Aquino for President Movement" yesterday.

More than 30 women supporters, with placards and streamers, waited in vain for her outside the National Press Club, where Mr Joaquin Rocas, a former newspaper publisher and president of the newly formed movement, told a Press conference that Mrs Aquino was "the only hope for the nation".

The traditional political opposition remains in disarray and their leaders continue to bicker, he said. "There is a cacophony of voices expended mostly on trivial issues when what the country needs is the healing, inspiring, unifying voice of a revered and respected leader."

Before his assassination, in August 1983, Mr Aquino was commonly regarded as the man most capable of defeating President Marcos at the polls. Mr Marcos has said he will seek another six years in office when his current term expires.

Spanish poll shows shift in favour of Nato

From Richard Wigg
Madrid

A shift in Spanish opinion, in favour of staying in Nato, though not integrated into the military command structure is revealed by a poll released yesterday by 16 *Cambio* the Madrid news weekly.

For the first time in the poll series 38 per cent this month approved the position which Señor Felipe Gonzalez, the Prime Minister, wishes to have endorsed at a referendum on Nato: 34 per cent were opposed. The number replying either "don't know" or unwilling to give a view has increased since the beginning of the year.

The pollsters' question coupled the Nato issue with a reduction in United States forces in Spain.

The poll suggests a high popular response if the government had called the referendum now. Those indicating that they would certainly vote amounted to 52 per cent, while a further 20 per cent thought they would probably turn out.

Señor Gonzalez, who has lost popularity over the past two years, is shown by the poll still to be well ahead of other leaders. Señor Adolfo Suárez, Prime Minister during Spain's transition to democracy, came second.

If general elections were held now the Socialists, according to the poll, would win 43 per cent of the vote, enough for another four years in power.

Japan embarks on spending spree

From David Watts, Tokyo

Japan has responded to the need to stimulate its domestic economy with a package of measures which the Government says should inject about \$10 billion into the home market over the next year.

The package, which is designed to channel a greater part of the country's productive efforts away from exports, is an important part of Japan's contribution to efforts to ease trade friction and to establish a new set of international currency exchange rates agreed by the Group of Five in New York last month.

The programme, which the Government estimates will be the equivalent of 1.3 per cent of the projected Gross National Product for 1985, is a combination of measures to encourage investment in new capital works by local authorities; to increase and improve Japan's "social capital" by increasing investment in public housing stock and sewerage systems; to lower interest rates on housing loans; to bring forward some public works projects including disaster relief from next year; and to encourage consumer spending and ultimately to increase the number of holidays.

Many of the measures are, of necessity, non-budgetary and the results are difficult to forecast. The effects on domestic spending, and the success or failure of the package, are likely to be equally difficult to quantify in the long term.

The measures can be implemented almost immediately

and are expected to yield quick results. Other boosts to domestic economy may come through the budget later in the year and plans for tax reform which may take much longer to realize.

The Government, for the first time, is allowing local authorities to raise money through bonds for capital works other than land reclamation.

What Japan will spend over the next 12 months:

\$1.5 billion on additional public housing
\$1.4 billion on the use of state land
\$1.4 billion on improving gas and electricity utilities
\$2.8 billion on local government infrastructure
\$1.5 billion on advance implementation of public works
\$1.5 billion on early implementation of disaster relief measures

The efforts to boost consumer spending look modest indeed: credit restrictions on the purchase of colour televisions and ordinary cars will be removed.

Other consumer measures, however, might have longer-lasting effects: cash dispensers are to remain in use on Saturdays and for longer periods after banks and department stores close.

The Government will also try to boost consumer spending by encouraging financial institutions to be more positive about making loans for consumer purchases.

Russian gas 'kills 30 Kabul allies'

Islamabad (Reuter) — Western diplomats said yesterday that Soviet forces had accidentally killed about 30 Afghan soldiers and several civilians with unidentified fumes.

The victims died last week when Soviet jet fighters let out the mystery fumes near an Afghan military post outside the city of Maidan Shahr, south of Kabul, they said.

The diplomats, quoting reports from Kabul, said that some sources there claimed the fumes were a chemical weapon. Afghan rebels often claim Moscow is using chemical weapons, but have given no proof.

The envoys, who asked not to be named, also reported heavy daily fighting in the southern city of Kandahar, where rebels have destroyed four army posts near the main bazaar this month.

● Moscow: Three Soviet Army officers died when their helicopter was shot down by Afghan insurgents, *Pravda* said yesterday. (AFP reports).

In an article by its correspondent in Afghanistan, the paper said that the helicopter exploded after it was hit by machine-gun fire. It did not say when or exactly where the incident had taken place.



The American attorney, Mr Melvin Belli, in London on his way to Bhopal to fight for compensation for victims of India's poison gas disaster. He forecast yesterday that the Union Carbide company would pay more than \$200 million (£138 million) damages.

Mr Belli, aged 78, who is known as "The King of Torts" for his 50 years defending clients who suffered personal injury, flew to Bhopal after the accident in December and described the situation then as terrible.

Premier's threat to quit

Oslo (Reuter) — The Norwegian Prime Minister, Mr Kaare Willoch, said yesterday that his minority coalition Government might resign if his economic policies were overturned in a budget vote next week.

Bowing to political pressures, the Government announced on Monday an expansionary budget for 1986 that will increase welfare spending by 11 per cent.

But Opposition parties, which have a one-seat majority, have threatened to unite to

defeat the programme, which leftists say is too austere. Mr Willoch said that the Opposition plans for higher public spending were dangerous, and that they would have to take over responsibility if his 1986 budget was defeated. Aides to the Prime Minister say that this is a clear threat by Mr Willoch to resign.

His three-party centrist coalition, which was re-elected in September, has 78 seats in the 157-seat Storting (Parliament).

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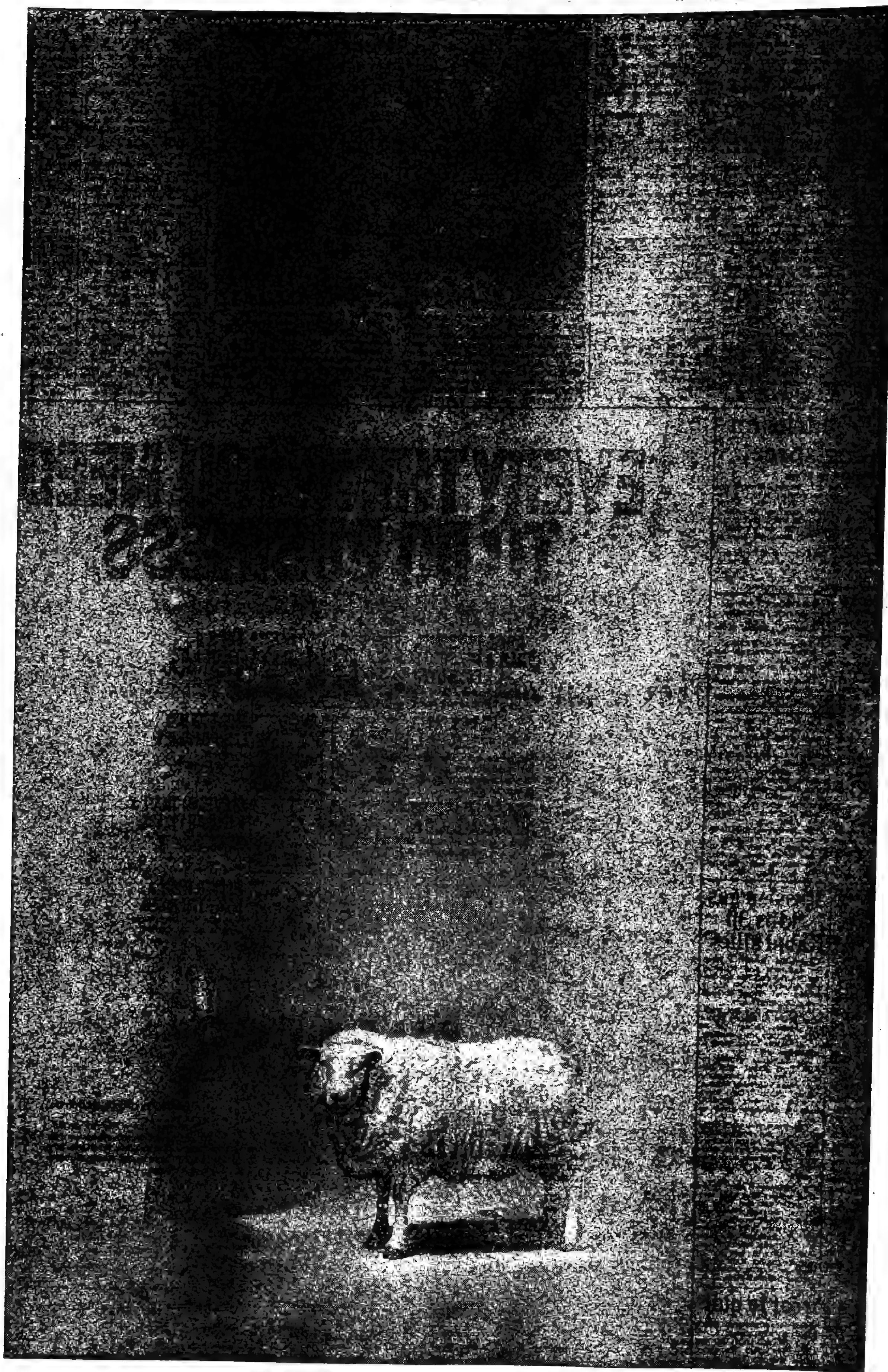
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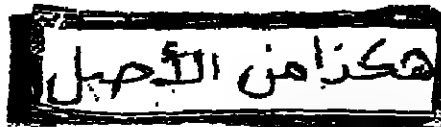
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Best of British treasure

As anglomania takes the US by storm, an exhibition celebrating the history of the British country house opens shortly in Washington and promises to be the biggest, the best and the most expensive ever organized. Bailey Morris reports

J. Carter Brown, director of Washington's National Gallery of Art, recalls with a "sickening" sense of loss the 1974 exhibition at the Victoria & Albert Museum chronicling the destruction of Britain's great country houses.

It has stayed with him for more than a decade, providing some of the driving spirit behind the spectacular exhibition which will rise from its ashes on November 3: "The Treasures of Britain: Five Hundred Years of Private Patronage and Art Collecting", which opens for a five-month run in Washington.

This one exhibition is the jewel in the crown of the distinguished gallery which Brown directs. It is a show of superlatives, the biggest, the best, the most expensive, and the focal point of a groundswell of anglomania currently sweeping across the United States.

Nothing on this scale has ever been attempted by any museum for a single show. Millions are expected to see it, either at the gallery itself or on related television programmes.

Even before the arrival in Washington of the exhibition's patrons, the Prince and Princess of Wales, there can be little doubt that the British are coming.

The signs are everywhere: in more than 75 magazine articles and countless newspaper stories; in the scramble for tickets and special group tours which have been booked up since early July; in the social crush for scarce invitations to dinners and pre-opening receptions; in the virtual airlift of more than 700 British treasures, travelling across the Atlantic at a rate of three deliveries a week.

Recently, while examining the life-size 16th-century Lunsley horseman which had just emerged from its wooden crate, Brown said simply: "This is a story that needs telling."

But there is a story within the story. It dates back to a lunch more than five years ago at which Brown, in discussions with the British Council, conceived the idea of a grand celebration of the country house as a unique British contribution to art and to civilization.

"The idea just sprang forth", he said. He credits Lyon Russell, now retired, for sowing the seeds when he served as cultural attaché at the British

Embassy in Washington in the 1970s.

Following on the gallery's successes with "The Treasures of Tutankhamun" (seen by 850,000 people) and "The Dresden Collection", Russell approached Brown about "doing something British". The original suggestion was more modest in scope, perhaps a painter or an important period in British art.

But Brown, influenced by his schooldays at Stowe in a magnificent country house in Buckinghamshire, and by a visit to Chatsworth in 1979, wanted something grander, "an all-star field".

But how to do it? At this point the story of the "Treasures of Britain" becomes a tale of four authors. Despite immense obstacles, they created from a shapeless idea a saga of British culture ranging from the castles of Elizabeth I to the country houses of Consuelo Vanderbilt, the American heiress whose fortune renewed Blenheim Palace.

The authors, in addition to Brown, are Gaillard Ravenel and Mark Leithauser of the Washington National Gallery and Gervase Jackson-Stops, the British curator of the exhibition and architectural adviser to the British National Trust. His American colleagues say without equivocation that he is the "next Sir Kenneth Clark of Britain".

These four men began their three-year odyssey with little encouragement. The original curator said it could not be done; the National Trust was initially cold to the idea.

The cost of the gallery exhibit alone is 'zillions'

It took Brown's determination (he committed the full resources of the gallery for an entire year before he found a corporate sponsor) and the combined will of the three museum professionals determined to produce a show mirroring the spirit of Britain from Tudor Renaissance to Empire.

The idea became an enterprise. Not only did they house 700 works of art from more than 200 country houses in 35,000 square feet of space



Staging the greatest show on earth: J. Carter Brown (top), director of Washington's National Gallery, with a model of the exhibition; left, a recreated oval sculpture rotunda and, right, a plan for a tiered corner chimneypiece

comprising two entire levels of the gallery's east wing, but they also built a festival around it.

From now until next April, British music, theatre, silvers, architecture, crafts, textiles, films, teas, gardens and Christmas traditions will be presented in special courses and separate shows at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the Folger Shakespeare Library, the National Portrait Gallery, the Smithsonian Museum, the Library of Congress, the Textile Museum, the American Museum of Natural History and the American Museum of Art.

The cost of the gallery exhibit alone is "zillions" according to Brown. No one really wants to be specific: the gallery has admitted to \$1.75 million; Ford Motor Company, "the corporate angel in white robes", has put up a huge undisclosed amount; the Getty Foundation donated funds to conserve and restore the works of art; British Airways supplied transport; the

British Council, the National Trust, the Historic Houses Association have all contributed.

In addition, for the first time two governments have joined to indemnify the show. The British Tourist Authority is launching a special promotion, including a kiosk just blocks from the gallery, to lure American tourists to the UK.

What has all this money and energy created? The answer, in terms of the exhibition itself, is in what the show has not attempted to do. It is not a "treasures of" exhibition in which beautiful objects are impaled on sheets of velvet in glass cases. Had this been the concept, Jackson-Stops said he, for one, would not have participated. It is not a series of perfect period rooms recreated with zeal.

Instead, it is 17 rooms and galleries, arranged chronologically, which reflect the "essence" of country houses: the changing tastes and attitudes of the families who lived in them. There is a "storyline", rewritten four or five times, and a plot featuring the country house as the central character. The viewer sees it as a vessel of 500 years of unstripped treasures; as a centre of ideas and political power, as the inspiration of art and taste and the catalyst of invention. There is a special exhibition of British photographs, for example, from 1830 and the invention of the camera by William Henry Fox Talbot, to the work of Cecil Beaton.

Once the "play" was written, the authors set about creating the set with an astonishing thoroughness and attention to detail. Entire rooms have been built within rooms.

At one point, more than 35 carpenters were at work building, among other things, an oval sculpture rotunda inspired by a painting entitled "Charles Towneley in his library" by John Zoffany. They also built a vast Waterloo Gallery carrying

on the aristocratic tradition of commissioning such rooms to celebrate important victories. The gallery, with its high ceilings and walls double-bunged with Turners, Gainsboroughs, Titians, Rubens, has the feel of the power and growing wealth which characterized the period following Britain's defeat of Napoleon. At its centre stands Canova's lifesize sculpture, "The Three Graces" from Woburn Abbey.

Textures and colours are authentic, many copied from paintings included in the exhibition. The floor in the Tudor Renaissance room housing the huge rainbow portrait of Elizabeth I is rough stone.

There are three wallpapers in the show, two of them hand-printed in England from the original blocks unearthed from a country house. Old masters are hung in a room draped in patterned red silk-copied from a fragment and handwoven in Britain especially for the exhibition.

Each item in the show stands alone as a perfect piece

That is in the tradition of Sir Joshua Reynolds, first head of the Royal Academy, who decreed that all paintings be hung on red. The 90-foot Jacobean long gallery was copied from the gallery depicted in Daniel Mytens's portrait of Lady Arundel, one of the first great English collectors.

There are many special touches: the gleaming silver furniture from Knoke; the corner chimneypiece hand-crafted by the gallery's master cabinet-maker and decorated in tiers of Chinese blue and white porcelain; treasures from the "Grand Tour" period when British gentry travelled the Continent and commissioned, among other things, the "London Canaletto" which

have never been seen outside Britain.

Then there is the tale of "the bed". Carter Brown was determined to have a state bed of the type seen in great country houses. But none could be found - those that retained their original hangings were too fragile to travel. Brown continued to "stamp his foot" until suddenly, as luck would have it, in the rubble of boxes and chests ignored by generations of eccentric owners of Calke Abbey, a 250-year-old state bed was discovered. It had never been used and was perfectly intact - the colours in the ornate Chinese silk hangings remarkably fresh.

The treasures were selected over a three-year period in which Jackson-Stops, Ravenel and Leithauser travelled frequently across the Atlantic, often engaging in "mad dashes" across Britain. On one day alone, they went to see houses in England, Wales and Scotland.

Each item in the show stands alone as a perfect piece. Through a process of constant editing, the men chose the best of the best, perhaps 10 pieces of a particular kind of porcelain from a selection of hundreds. This was accomplished with the help of 40 experts who advised Jackson-Stops on everything from Fabergé to the horse paintings of George Stubbs to priceless books.

All four men lament the fact that the show is too short, running only from November to March to allow the treasures to return to Britain before the high tourist season.

One piece of good news for the British back home who will not be able to share this unique celebration of 500 years of their culture is that the Royal Academy is considering the feasibility of holding it, but so far a sponsor has not been found.

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Oxbridge under examination

She Green, wife of John Green, the Senior Tutor of Queens' College, Cambridge, was one of the three million people who watched the television series *Kingswood - A Comprehensive School* in the autumn of 1982. She told her husband that he should "get the BBC to do something similar about Queens'". Green had just received a letter from David Hatch, now Controller of Radio 4, inquiring about his daughter's prospects of a place at Queens'. He contacted Hatch, who passed him on to Will Wyatt, Head of TV Documentary Features.

After consultation with the BBC and the headmasters of Kingswood and Radley College, a public school which was also the subject of a documentary series, and positive votes in a student referendum and a college council meeting, approval was given in spring 1983. The cameras arrived in September.

The 10 resulting films, under the title *Queens' - A Cambridge College*, "show viewers with no idea what Oxbridge is like how things seem to be, more or less, about now, to the people there," Wyatt says.

John Green, who became the youngest Senior Tutor in Cambridge in 1980, is keen to attract more applications from scientists, from outside the South-East, and from the (state) maintained sector. He believes the college should be accessible to all who can benefit from it.

Green wanted to destroy the "Brideshead folklore" about Cambridge he found on visits to schools in the north and hoped the programmes would show it as a friendly place where key figures are young and the recent admission of women has diminished its resemblance to a boarding school.

Queens' knew, however, that it was in the hands of producer Michael Waldman and his researcher, Imogen Sutton. According to Green: "They had to have editorial control. People could say 'No' to anything they filmed within 24 hours, but after that, tough. We have the right to see the completed programmes before transmission, but not to get changes made."

Undergraduates soon became blasé about the presence of a camera crew, especially when it became clear that the cameras were concentrating on a few people. Some dons became worried, however, that too many

feasts and ceremonies were being filmed, not enough work, and anecdotes were rife of rearranged rooms, of coached supervisions ("if you could involve sex somehow...") and of apparently casual conversations recorded by a crew of six with lights.

Waldman and Sutton set out to target particular students. Those featured illustrate different aspects of college life (significantly, many are performers, in music, sport, theatre, public speaking).

Most of the undergraduates in the programmes have now left Cambridge. David Tarsh, seen securing a Third and defending private education at the Union, is in advertising: "My friends saw me being picked out as an ass and, I said, maybe I am but I don't mind. I'm in a very publicity-conscious world, and obviously being on TV is not going to hurt me."

Mary Browning, now Communist President of the Student Union, says: "I'll get a lot of stick from friends for being the token lefty. It'll be really embarrassing. They filmed lots of people who aren't typical, like the rugby club. Most students at Queens' are just like anywhere else, quiet little scientists in anoraks."

There are scenes of rugby club horseplay, and others in which the Fellows appear (to quote one of them) as "a bunch of loons in fancy dress". But John Green can be satisfied that the overall effect will be to cut the Oxbridge myth down to size.

He and others may be concerned, however, at the picture which emerges of the students of the 1980s.

This Oxbridge generation, Waldman says, "tend to have a very narrow perspective, and I suppose that's due to graduate unemployment. What people get worked up about is getting a job, not changing the world." He ends the series with a third-year engineer who says: "I've seen the sort of people who are going to run the country, and I don't like what I see." The programmes may well stimulate more discussion about the elite Oxbridge turns out than about the institution itself.

John Dugdale

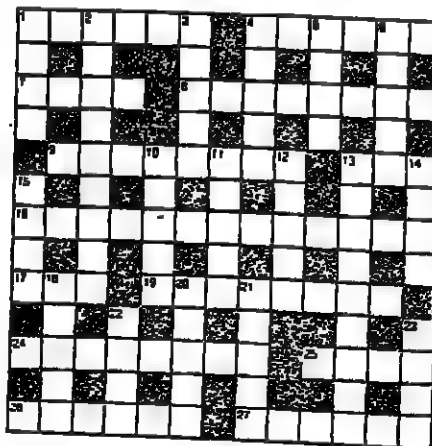
The first part of the 10-part series, *Queens' - A Cambridge College*, will be shown on BBC2 tonight.



Open university: TV subject David Tarsh and friends

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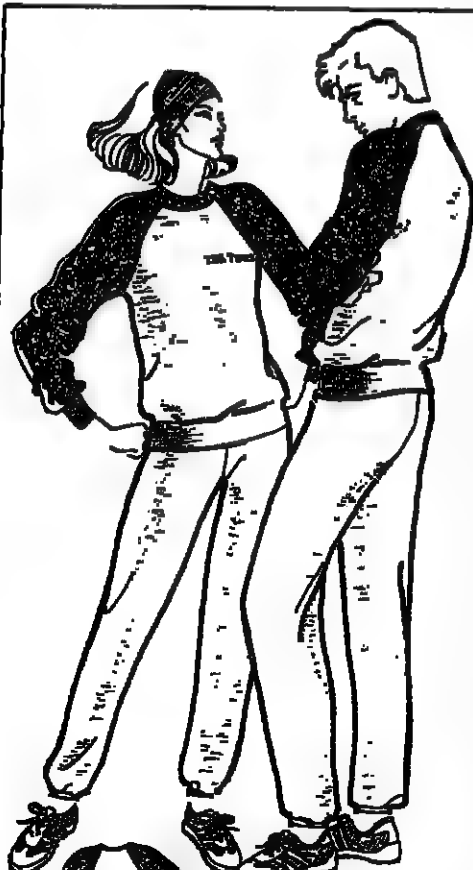
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What the doctor ordered

Patients have a right to be told about the pills and potions prescribed by their GPs. Joe Collier explains why it is vital to follow instructions to make the most of our medicines

Each week half of the nation's healthy adults will take at least one medicine (such as aspirin, vitamins or sleeping pills). In hospitals, few patients will take less than four medicines during their stay and, for the elderly or severely ill, 15 different medicines would not be exceptional.

In hospital, medicines are dispensed under close supervision, leaving little opportunity for a patient to negotiate over what he or she receives. For patients treated in the community, however, what happens to a prescribed medicine is essentially at their discretion. To take full advantage of a consultation the patient should leave the doctor knowing how a prescribed drug should be taken, but for such an understanding to be achieved there must be serious commitment from both the patient and the doctor.

After leaving the surgery, no more than one third of a doctor's instructions will be remembered, up to 20 per cent of all prescriptions will not be dispensed, and for any medicine dispensed the full course of treatment is unlikely to be taken according to the doctor's instructions. Before accepting a prescription it is important to find out why the medicine is being prescribed, what end it is hoped to achieve, what happens if the course is not completed, and what should be done if unwanted effects develop.

It is the patient's legal right to be given the answers to such questions before starting therapy. This was reinforced last year by Kenneth Clarke, the then Minister of State for Health, who stated that "in the case of prescribed medicines the onus is on the practitioner to ensure that patients have all the information they need".

It is important to recognize that all drugs have unwanted effects

It is worth the patient satisfying himself or herself - that the doctor believes the medicine to be truly worthwhile. For some conditions, such as a sore throat or diarrhoea, the symptoms are generally self-limiting and drugs can only give marginal benefit. For most patients with a sore throat it would be best to take a simple analgesic, and for diarrhoea to drink fluids - in both instances an antibiotic could worsen symptoms.

In other conditions, such as severely raised blood pressure, although the patient may be symptom-free it is essential to take drugs (probably lifelong) to lower blood pressure. Without



such treatment the chances of eventually developing the complications of high blood pressure, such as stroke or heart failure, are greatly increased. The aim of the therapy is to lower the blood pressure to normal, so as to avoid such serious complications.

In other conditions the aims of therapy are different. In patients with rheumatoid arthritis the aim is to reduce pain and stiffness. Here the patient can choose between taking a drug or developing symptoms; taking the drug is a discretionary convenience, it neither alters the underlying condition nor the final outcome. Understanding why a drug is being prescribed will make the difference between taking the drug as a chore or as a responsibility to oneself.

It is important to recognize that all drugs have unwanted effects although, of course, they have been granted a licence because the risks of the unwanted effects are less than those of the disease for which they are being treated. Nevertheless, these unwanted effects may be frightening.

It would obviously be important for a patient to know that if poor vision develops when taking one of the newer drugs for the treatment of tuberculosis, the drug should be stopped immediately since continued therapy risks permanent

blindness. If the drug is quickly stopped, vision will be restored.

A mild degree of ankle swelling is common with some of the drugs used in treating hypertension. This is a reversible condition and of no sinister significance; the patient can be reassured in advance and advised to ignore the symptom until the next appointment.

If a troublesome or worrying effect develops it should be reported to the doctor. If the patient says nothing, or stops the drug and fails to inform the doctor, an unwanted effect may go unrecognized. I believe it is the patient's duty to report such effects.

It was expressly to enlist the help of patients that there have been moves to inform them when they were taking a newly marketed drug. New drugs are indicated to the medical profession by the symbol of an inverted isosceles triangle, from which doctors understand that the Committee on Safety of Medicines (CSM) wishes to be told of every suspected unwanted effect, however trivial. It has been argued forcefully that this symbol should be shown on the labels of medicines for patients to see, but this did not find general approval.

If a troublesome problem arises when taking a medicine, or if a patient

concurrently develops a second illness, in most instances it will be perfectly safe for the therapy to be stopped. Occasionally, however, abruptly stopping a medicine might itself be of greater risk (as, for example, stopping a corticosteroid or the antihypertensive drug clonidine). The position with regard to each particular therapy should be learnt when it is first prescribed.

Whenever a course of therapy is stopped, it is tempting to keep the remaining supply of medicine in case it is needed later. For many reasons it is better to throw such medicines away. Some stored medicines soon lose their potency (like glyceryl trinitrate tablets and insulin), some become contaminated with bacteria and dangerous to re-use (most eye drops), while others become toxic (old tetracycline). The biggest risk, however, is that they are next used by the wrong person and for the wrong reason.

At present there is no requirement for printed information about a drug to be distributed. Several working parties have discussed this issue and the DHSS, the Pharmaceutical Society and the Association of British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI) all now agree that package inserts should be included with every dispensed item. This practice is common in Europe and is being established in the US.

Patients should tell their GP if they are allergic to drugs

Accordingly, the Medicines (Leaflets) Regulations (1977) should be updated, first to make the inclusion of such leaflets obligatory and second to require that the information is relevant and understandable. The package inserts would have to be vetted by the DHSS (or a delegated body) before distribution.

Drug therapy is a two-way process and the patient should inform the doctor of his needs, feelings and observations as much as the doctor should be instructing the patient about therapy. Most information will have to be given when the doctor is new to the patient and it is the first time the patient has been prescribed the medicine. The patient should tell the doctor of any drugs to which he is allergic, or drugs to which his immediate family have shown exaggerated responses (some adverse reactions are inherited). He should inform the doctor of any drugs he is already taking and of any illness from which he already suffers.

To make the best use of their medicines, patients should take an active part in the therapeutic dialogue. They should note the names of the drugs, the doses, the aims and actions and possible unwanted effects, and how the drugs should be taken. If unwanted effects develop, the doctor should be informed. This will be to their greater mutual understanding and, if applied universally, would provide major advances of therapy.

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MEL CALMAN'S DIARY

Catching up with a memory

SUNDAY

I don't buy any Sunday papers today so that, virtuously, I can tidy up my studio. I try to sort out all my clutter into first- and second-class rubbish. I find the courage to throw out an old alarm clock that no longer works and several keys for doors I no longer own, but I decide to keep all my broken saucers (useful for putting house plants on) and my collection of foreign matches (useful until I try to light any of them).

It is fatal to look through this clutter mountain. I open old copies of *Nova* magazine and read the articles. I read old letters and wonder what happened to the writers. I look at photos of my children when they were young and wonder what happened to their innocence. And suddenly the sun has set.

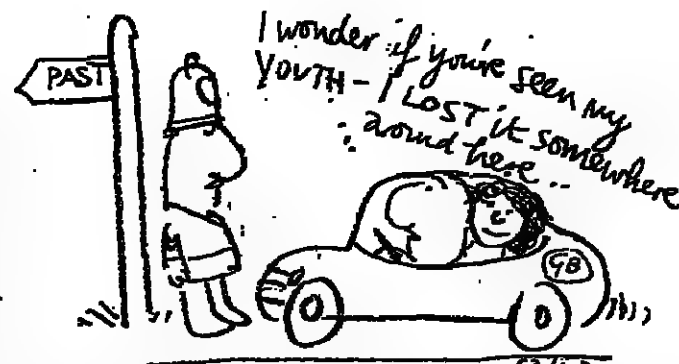
That is what's wrong with my life. While Gerald Scarfe is probably hard at work designing another opera, I'm sitting on the floor, browsing through old copies of *Nova*.

THURSDAY

I find it strange to read about riots and murder in Tottenham. I still think of Tottenham as the place where, as a child, we caught the train to go to the seaside. We lived in Stamford Hill and the nearest railway station was in South Tottenham. From there we went to West-cliff-on-Sea (or Southend if we fancied something a bit racier).

Stamford Hill was then full of Jewish families - quietly comfortable people - shopkeepers, taxi-drivers, musicians, professional people and the occasional bookie. For many it was a staging post on the road from Whitechapel to Hampstead. My parents' best friends were Dr and Mrs Brittan, the parents of the last Home Secretary (I don't wish to name-drop, but I want to impress you with the social respectability of my background). Actually, the Brittans lived in far-off Cricklewood, but then they were further up the financial scale than us.

Stamford Hill had everything a child could want - shops, a park, Clapton Common, with a pond for sailing boats, two cinemas, a cake shop, an



amusement arcade, a good public library and for additional entertainment (and free as well) a new-fangled dry-cleaners where you could see your clothes spinning round in a shiny machine in the shop window.

When the war came, we all went to the street shelter at the top of the road and camped down for the night, with blankets, Thermos flasks and sandwiches. In the morning we emerged like dusty moles into the light and I would pick up pieces of still-hot shrapnel to take home to my collection.

Today I decide to have a look at my past with my eldest daughter, Stephanie. As we drive around, it is difficult to recognize it as the same place. The old Hackney Empire in Stoke Newington is now a mosque. I suppose it was the minarets that inspired the change of use. The big cinema, where I fell in love with Shirley Temple, is now a large supermarket. The dry-cleaners has vanished.

We are both curious, as we are in the area, to go and see the Broadwater Estate. We drive down the hill to Tottenham and get lost somewhere around Lordship Lane. I hesitate to approach a passer-by and ask: "Excuse me, can you tell me where the riots were?" I see a café and we go in for a cup of tea.

The place is small, spotlessly clean, and a nice young Irish girl serves us. An Irishman at the next table tells us the estate is just up the road, and turns back to reading the *Sara Keays* story in *The Mirror*. No comment about the riots. The estate is rather eerie.

Everything is normal except for the large number of policemen everywhere. They are strolling about in twos, like young men out for a breath of fresh air. The only signs of disturbance are two burnt-out cars and blackened walls. Some policemen are drinking tea from a mobile canteen. We leave the estate and stop at a nearby greengrocer's to buy some fruit. Two policemen are buying apples and teasing a child in the shop. They laugh and appear relaxed. Life goes on and the police look unreal, as if they are actors taking part in some film.

It is only a couple of miles away from Stamford Hill, but a long, long way from my childhood.

FRIDAY

Watch some of the Tory Party Conference on the telly. Jeffrey Archer is beginning to look as if he wished he were safely back at his typewriter. He should take some comfort from the knowledge that the last Tory novelist in this country to dabble in politics ended up not being elected, but as Prime Minister. But perhaps Disraeli had a better grasp of PR.

A quiet evening apart from a wrong number. The phone rings and a peevish voice says: "Couits Bank?" "Sorry," I say. "You have the wrong number. And anyway the bank is unlikely to be open at this time of night." "I beg to differ," says the voice. "This is the chairman's wife speaking." She hangs up before I can discuss my overdraft. I must say I do get a very good class of wrong number since I left Stamford Hill.

Give greens a touch of colour

Greens are such a byword of sound nutrition that it is sometimes hard to remember that vegetables come in other colours. It can seem as if anything green scores double goodness points regardless of vitamin merit.

Perhaps this is why vegetable courses are often easier to concoct than meat and fish. Summer's star produce, from the first asparagus spear to the last full-blown artichoke, demands a plate of its own on which to show off.

Restaurants seldom offer inspiration to deviate from the rut of green beans, mange tout or garden peas and spinach; faced with vegetable exotica in the supermarket or seed catalogue, it may be easier to think of many varieties simply as ingredients. Well, aubergines are for moussaka, aren't they?

Aubergines are also for ratatouille. This version is sweet and fresh tasting. Each of the vegetables contributes its flavour to the harmony of the whole, and tomato purée does not get so much as a look-in. Served cold - it tastes better a room temperature than chilled - ratatouille is an easy-going first course or vegetable. It keeps well for several days in the fridge and freezes too.

Ratatouille salad
Serves 6
2 large onions, finely chopped
About 120ml (4fl oz) mild olive oil
2 medium aubergines
Salt
2 ripe red peppers
4 big ripe tomatoes
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
½ teaspoon coriander seeds
Basil or parsley



Shona Crawford Poole

Put the onions in a big sauté pan with the oil and cook them gently so that they soften without browning.

Cut the unpeeled aubergines into 1cm (½in) dice, sprinkle liberally with salt and leave to drain in a colander.

Cut the red peppers into similar sized pieces, discarding the seeds, and add the aubergines and peppers to the pan. Simmer the mixture, covered, for about half an hour.

Skin the tomatoes if you like before chopping them coarsely, and add them to the mixture with the garlic. The coriander seeds can go in crushed or whole, toasted first in a dry pan to bring out the warmth of their flavour. Simmer the ratatouille for another 10 minutes or so, then leave it to cool. Sprinkle with finely chopped basil or parsley just before serving.

Some oil will usually accumulate on the surface of this dish and it can be skimmed off before serving, or stirred in. It is better to remove any surplus after cooking than to reduce the quantity specified.

Two additional flavours complement the sweetness of beetroot unexpectedly well. They are fresh thyme leaves and toasted coriander seeds - used separately, not together. If beetroot, with little or no vinegar but with either thyme or coriander, are salad variations you have not yet tried, I commend them to you.

Beetroot are sadly neglected as a hot vegetable, too. Serve small beetroot with roast beef or game.

Beetroot and coriander
Serves 4
12 small fresh beetroot
Salt
1 tablespoon olive oil or melted butter
1 teaspoon coriander seeds
Freshly ground black pepper

Wash the beetroot but do not peel them. Leave 1cm (½in) or so of root and stalk attached to each beet: trimming them too neatly allows their magnificent colour to bleed into the cooking liquid. Steam or boil the beetroot until they are tender, then allow them to cool a little before peeling off their skins and trimming them top and tail.

Return the beetroot to the pan with a little salt and the oil or melted butter. Season liberally with ground coriander seeds which have been toasted in a dry pan until the aroma rises richly, and freshly ground black pepper. Heat gently until hot again and serve.

Braised onions are a richly flavoured accompaniment to plainly roasted meat or poultry. They can also be used as a filling for blind baked pastry cases or as a topping for discs of pizza dough.



Braised onions
Serves 4
800g (2lb) onions
6 tablespoons olive oil
55g (2oz) seedless raisins
120ml (4fl oz) white wine
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Peel the onions and slice them in quite thick rings. Heat the oil in a heavy pan and add the onions, raisins and wine. Add a little salt and cook the onions, covered, on a low heat for at least an hour, taking care that they do not brown. They are ready when they are meltingly tender and most of the liquid has been absorbed. If they dry too much before they are tender, add more wine or water. Adjust the salt to your taste and finish with a generous sprinkling of fresh black pepper.

Second-class life

COMMENT

Liz Hodgkinson

Why is it that whenever residential conferences, seminars and business meetings are arranged, it is assumed automatically that the wife or husband of the delegate will want to tag along as well?

Dragging along the spouse doubles the numbers instantly and means that at least half of those attending have nothing whatever to do and are regarded as, and treated as, non-persons for the duration of the meeting.

If you are a wife, your role is relegated to that of an ever-smiling, silent, but preferably decorative shadow, to appear by your husband's side at dinner, but conveniently vanish during the day, when the "important discussions" take place. Nobody, you soon realize, is remotely interested in you as a separate human being. If an accompanying husband, your position is possibly worse, for while daytime coach and shopping trips are often organized for wives, similar excursions are rarely laid on for accompanying men.

I know what it's like to be an unimportant partner, a nameless wife, as I once attended a weekend conference where my husband was the delegate. It was one of the most humiliating occasions of my life.

As we arrived, my husband was handed a large, important-looking badge that proclaimed who he was and which organization he represented. He was fussed over and asked to sign the delegates' book. I was handed a small, unimportant-looking badge that said simply "Mrs", followed by his name. I was not asked to sign the register.

I understood instantly that I was to think of myself for the duration of the weekend as a person of no importance whatever. In a small act of rebellion, I refused to wear the badge. I also refused to go on the specially-arranged wives' coach trips and instead played at being grown up by attending the real conference programme. The speeches were excruciatingly boring, but there was no way that my pride would allow me to be whisked off during the day with a coachload of other nobodies - nobodies, that is, to the conference organizers, who treated us wives with the utmost condescension.

My own presence, and that of the other wives, at this particular conference was an utter waste of time and money. Now,

if I'm not a delegate in my own right, I have no hesitation in boycotting such affairs. The Americans, needless to say, have taken the whole business several steps further. You are known as an "accompanying spouse" and have to wear a label saying so. At an American conference I attended recently, I'm afraid I ignored all the accompanying spouses and spoke only to the real delegates. I felt I didn't want to waste my time.

This particular conference even had a paper on the "special needs" of the accompanying spouse. But why go at all when you are certain to be ignored or, at best, heavily patronized? It's a peculiar convention of our society that husbands and wives are expected to be glued together on every possible occasion, even when the accompanying one has nothing to gain by being there.

In an essay on Cuba, which she found "very special", Germaine Greer noted that at Cuban conferences and political meetings "public functionaries were assessed on the performance of their public duty and did not have to drag their bed-partners around with them, miming domestic bliss". Cruelly put, perhaps, but nevertheless accurate. At any conference, one is interested only in what the actual delegates have to say, not in any supportive contribution their partners might make. The partners themselves feel bored, miserable, unregarded and awkwardly out of place.

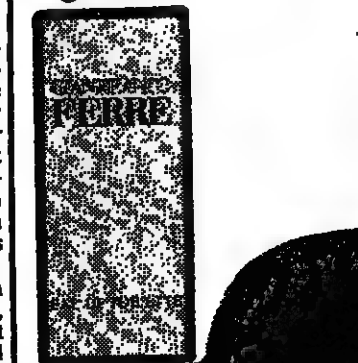
Conferences are increasingly part of the way of life in the 1980s and there is undeniably a junket element to some of them. Presumably, they are supposed to be enjoyable for the silent partner as well, but I've never met anybody who has genuinely enjoyed being at such a function with only appendage status. Husbands and wives remain separate human beings and are not one person. They do not, or should not, exist solely to reflect their partner.

Why can't conference organizers in future restrict invitations to the genuine delegates? It would make such occasions far more enjoyable, meaningful, cheaper and sensible.

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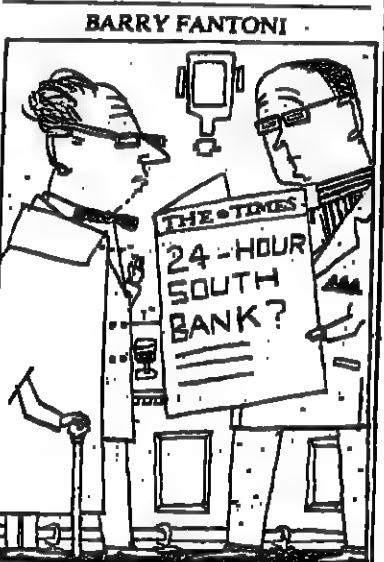
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Animal kingdom

If the Queen has developed a taste for the rodents she ate in Belize, the royal kitchens should be well prepared. It can exclusively reveal: Buckingham Palace has rats. And fleas. They were discovered by a group of 26 scientists, who were allowed to penetrate the rigid seclusion of Buckingham Palace for the first time to publish a paper on its natural history. Reporting on their study, the Council for Nature says: "Mammals are poorly represented: the House Mouse and the Brown Rat are the only species definitely recorded; bats and the Grey Squirrel are apparently absent (Could a royal gun be responsible here?). The invertebrates - which include the scarce Great Water Flea or *Daphnia magna* - provide the biggest surprises. One moth, *Monochroa hornigii*, comes from Austria, while the other is the *Earias biplaga* - "normally a pest of cotton in Africa. Their introduction to Buckingham Palace is a mystery".

Not for money

What would the Bard say? Lord Olivier is about to star in a pop video about the St Valentine's Day Massacre, "Just for Money". The title is not Olivier's motive, however. The pop-picking peer was apparently so enchanted by singer Paul Hardcastle's earlier Vietnam hit "19" that he has volunteered himself for the job.



Slipping

The civil service union ICPS, is to sue Tesco on behalf of Paula Lewis, a librarian at the Department of Environment HQ, who was recently stung by a tropical spider which she claims crawled from a bunch of bananas in its Finchley branch. She is seeking compensation for pain and sleeplessness. Tesco says it would contest any action.

Touching

The BBC denies that three written requests from Scotland Yard played any part in its decision to scrap the *Brass Tacks* programme on links between organized crime and the police. We shall soon see, however, whether its plea of "insoluble" legal problems hold water. The programme, *The Unouchable*, was made by Vicky Simson and Andrew Jennings, who have also been writing a book on the subject, provisionally entitled *Licensed Gangsters*. Their literary agent, Jim Reynolds, tells me he has approached publishers with an outline of the book and "there are nine or 10 who are very interested". Most were awaiting the repercussions of the BBC screening before making an offer. Now they shall have to take their own legal advice. Will it differ from that of the BBC?

Oral

Mary Whitehouse will be the most notable absentee from tomorrow's Oxford Union debate on the permissive society, to be held just hours after the Lords' ruling over the Victoria Gillick contraception case. Mrs Gillick herself will be there as will Germaine Greer and Sue Shipman. But Mrs Whitehouse, having agreed to attend Mrs Gillick, has now cried off, pleading that she lost her voice at the Tory conference.

Nuclear test

Could W H Smith, the one-time scourge of *Private Eye*, be a Soviet dupe? Reader W. R. Smith (no relation), a retired art teacher from Crawley, has carried out a survey of the chain's recently established "nuclear debate" reading section. Of 55 titles he found in seven branches, he claims no fewer than 46 supported the CND argument. Only three authors were Nato supporters. Smith's managing director, Malcolm Field, has promised to investigate the allegations, and the multi-media Strategic Studies is considering drawing up a bibliography of pro-Nato literature.

Write-off

The GLC seems to have discovered Telfon. According to confidential minutes, another has been placed with Hackney Council's sign shop to produce nuclear-free zone road signs - to be "specially treated to prevent 'nuclear' - for all the river crossings between the Woolwich Ferry and Vauxhall Bridge. The signs, to be unveiled on October 24, will not appear at the smarter end of the Thames, where councils have flatly refused to put them up.

About all one can say in favour of our present system of tax and benefit is that it struggles with some effect to get resources to those in need, and that it satisfies a sort of "better the devil you know" principle. These are not the strongest reasons to maintain what in other respects is a quagmire.

I suggest that these are the prime requirements for an effective system that relates tax to benefits.

First, the system must be based on clear and comprehensible principles that are seen to be just.

Second, a new system should aim not only to alleviate poverty and hardship effectively, but to do as much as possible to prevent it.

Third, it must substantially encourage work and earnings, removing and preventing anomalies like the poverty and unemployment traps.

Fourth, it should aim to encourage self-reliance, not state dependence.

Fifth, the system must allow for considerable flexibility over the nature of employment. Patterns of employment have already changed drastically and will change further.

Sixth, the system should treat people as individuals and not pigeon-hole them into categories. The only distinctions should be on the basis of need on the one hand, or income on the other.

Seventh, it must be fair and treat different people in the same circumstances equally, as well as providing for fair relationships between people in different circumstances.

Eighth, a new system must be simple both to understand and to administer. As far as administration is concerned, the distinction must be drawn between quantity and quality.

A high volume of administration can be handled simply and efficiently if it is mechanistic and can be computerized. But administration that requires a high level of individual case-work and value judgments by civil servants, even if much less in volume, will probably be more complicated and expensive to operate.

Ninth, the system should encourage positive social values. It should not stigmatize marriage or family life. It should not foster the black economy or prompt tax evasion.

Finally, the system must be capable of attracting support across the political spectrum. Any major reform in this area would be so far-reaching and so time-consuming to implement that it would be extremely difficult to introduce without a reasonable degree of political consensus.

Essentially, four alternatives are now on offer. The first involves reform within the existing system; second a return to a full-blown contributory principle - the original Beveridge concept of social insurance. The third opts for selective concentration of resources, providing more money for those most in need and withdrawing benefits from others less in need. The fourth involves giving universal benefits to everyone, as a replacement for all current benefits and personal tax allowances.

Of these four alternatives it seems to me that the universal benefit system provides the best basis for the future - not only because of the flaws in the others, but because of its own intrinsic merits.

The benefit side of the scheme would be:

- A basic income, above subsistence level, to be paid to each adult individually, irrespective of other income.
- A supplement for each child, as with existing child benefit.
- An additional housing allowance, again paid universally although varying with family status.

It was Cyril Connolly who gave Dornford Yates respectability. "Sometimes," Connolly wrote in 1935, "at great garden parties, literary luncheons, or in the quiet of an exclusive gunroom, a laugh rings out. The sad, formal faces for a moment relax and a smaller group is formed within the larger. They are the admirers of Dornford Yates who have found out each other."

"We are badly organized, we know little about ourselves and next to nothing about our hero, but we appreciate fine writing when we come across it, and a wit that is ageless, united to a courtesy that is extinct."

At the time Connolly wrote that piece in the *New Statesman*, Yates, who was approaching his 50th birthday, had established himself in three literary genres: the light-hearted and episodic "Berry" books, comedies of manners featuring the Pleydell family of White Ladies in the County of Hampshire, a string of popular and forgettable novels and the "Chandos" thrillers, now his most widely read works.

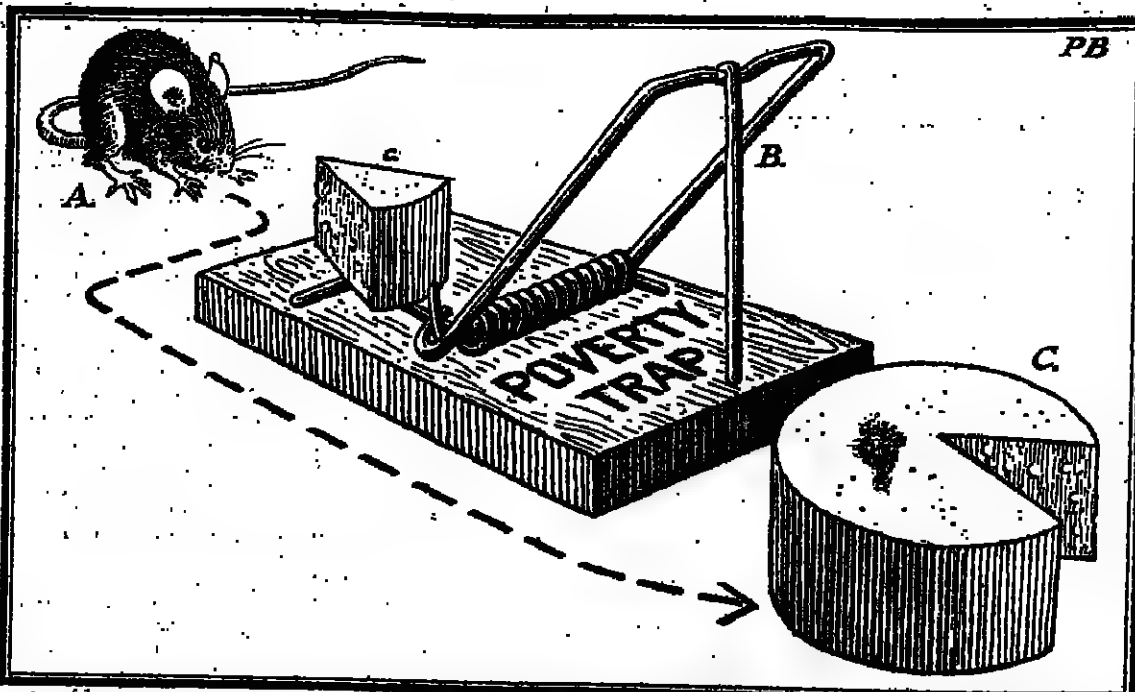
Who was Dornford Yates, who this year would have celebrated his one hundredth birthday? By the mid-1930s, as Cyril Connolly wrote, he was all but unknown in his native Britain, having quit London and the literary world to live in the French Pyrenees at Pau. He would never return to Britain, other than for short visits.

Indeed the very name "Dornford Yates" was a fiction, being the coupling of surnames culled from his family tree. Born at Walmer, Kent, on August 7, 1885, his real name was William Mercer. He trained originally as a barrister and created the pseudonym when he began writing shortly before the First World War.

This was in line with the custom of the period - his cousin Hector Hugh Munro is better remembered as "Saki" and one of Yates's own literary heroes, Anthony Hope, was in reality Anthony Hawkins.

Otherwise, apart from his entry in *Who's Who*, little was known about Yates despite two volumes of memoirs. "In memoirs" is the right word for works in which he mingles with his fictional characters in a fictional setting.

Indeed, if anyone attempted to breach this self-imposed reticence, Yates took extreme exception. In the early 1930s, when Richard Osborne was writing *Chubland Heroes*, his classic study of Yates and his



How more give and take would help us all

which would act as rent support for low-income families and as a replacement for mortgage relief for home-owners.

● Additional allowances for special circumstances, such as disability grants and support for single parents.

● All current benefit schemes to be scrapped.

These benefits would be available to every adult citizen. They would have no connection with any other income, but would be sufficient on their own to provide decent living standards.

Now for the taxation side of the scheme.

● The abolition of all personal allowances and of employee contributions to national insurance. Also, the replacement of mortgage relief by the new housing grant already described. Let no one take this out of context: such a proposition is made only on the basis of a completely new deal.

● Income tax to be payable on all income except the basic benefit income and allowances, which would be free of tax for everybody.

● Revised rates of tax, taking into account the new benefit levels. This would mean that somewhat higher rates would be required to generate the same net income.

Finally, the main administrative features of the scheme would be: a simple status form to be completed annually by each adult, in addition to normal tax returns; payment of the basic income, plus allowances, on a weekly or monthly basis to all those who are net recipients; payment of the same sums to net contributors through tax deductions, principally through PAYE; an integration of tax and benefit administration into a single government department; computerization; and maintenance of some provision for emergency relief.

The scheme is based on a clear and comprehensive principle - that every British citizen has basic needs, for which he or she receives a basic living income as of right. This is not as radical a proposal as it might sound. The present system attempts to do the same through a combi-

nation of personal allowances to earners and benefits to non-earners. The trouble is that it does it in such a clumsy way that it is neither clear nor easily comprehensible, nor does it much resemble a principle.

The new scheme would do as much as any scheme could, not just to alleviate poverty and means tests, but to give everyone a living income and close the loophole of unclaimed benefits.

It would end the poverty and unemployment traps. Any paid work, no matter how little or how lowly paid, would increase net income. At its highest, the marginal tax rate would be much less than the 100 per cent or more that we know at present. Work and earnings would be encouraged for every individual.

Any guaranteed benefit (including current benefits) tends to induce dependence on the state. But this scheme, by giving individuals a lump sum benefit and leaving them free to choose how they spend it, would perhaps do more to encourage self-reliance than one that hands out specific sums for specific purposes. The scheme would also ensure greater flexibility in the labour market, encouraging all forms of employment equally and penalizing none.

For those who believe, as I do, that we will be faced with high levels of unemployment for some years unless we change our whole concept of employment, this feature of the scheme is perhaps its most appealing aspect. Not only should more work be created through the removal of penalties on low-paid jobs, but in time the hard-and-fast dividing line between the employed and the unemployed would disappear and more flexible patterns of work emerge.

Although it would of course involve a huge volume of administration, it would be simple and ideally suited to the use of computers, involving as it does few value judgments but a great deal of repetitive work based on a small number of unchanging formulae. It would certainly do more than the

present system to encourage positive social values, neither discouraging marriage nor subsidizing divorce.

I believe the scheme should be able to command support across the political spectrum. In fact, it is already significant that its advocates come from a wide variety of political persuasions. It is a neutral system. Under a socialist government it could readily provide for a high level of basic income and allowances with correspondingly high rates of taxation. Under a laissez-faire government it could readily provide for a basic income at bare subsistence level with lower rates of taxation.

I would prefer to see it pitched somewhere in between, but the essential point is that it could be pitched anywhere with equal ease and without ever jeopardizing the central feature that it would always pay to be in work.

Perhaps the biggest drawback might be the level of tax to be raised. Since under this plan every adult would receive a basic income as of right and free of tax, the rate of tax to be levied on other income would inevitably be higher than present rates. This is more a problem of presentation than reality: higher tax rates do not necessarily reduce net income if they are balanced by increased benefits. But this might be unpopular and the question is whether it is a price people would be prepared to pay in exchange for all the advantages of such a scheme. The new scheme would have to be fair all round if it was to attract widespread public support.

Another related problem is that the government would be taking money with one hand and giving it back with the other, on an even-odds basis, than at present. Paradoxically, I think this could prove a more efficient way of distributing resources to those in need than a more selective approach. More money circulating through the government's hands is not necessarily synonymous with increased spending.

A more pragmatic problem is posed by the housing allowance. Since housing costs vary so widely from region to region, a standard national benefit would be grossly unfair in practice. Unless it proved possible to devise a fixed regional weighting to the housing allowance, one would have completely to rethink this aspect of the system, which would almost certainly involve continuing with selective means-tested assistance.

Extracted from a speech given by Francis Pym, Conservative MP for *Conisburgh and South East*, to the *Manchester Statistical Society* last night.

Ion Trewin pays a centenary tribute to Dornford Yates, novelist extraordinary

The boulder all-rounder

contemporaries, John Buchan and "Sapper", he requested permission to quote from some biographical material. Yates cabled back: "Use borne uses such material at his peril." By then Yates was an embittered figure living out a colonial existence in Southern Rhodesia, where he died in 1960.

Following his death, Yates's work quickly went out of fashion so that his proud boast in the 1950s that his books had always been in print apart from a time when paper shortages prevented reprinting just after the Second World War - was no longer true. "In print" to Yates meant hardback. He did not approve of paperback books, and had refused requests to allow his work to be reissued by Penguin.

It was not until the novelist Tom Sharpe, another admirer of Yates's work, wrote an article in *The Times* in 1976 that the mysterious Dornford Yates began to stand revealed. Sharpe, like Connolly, responded to Yates as a writer. Not for his "fine writing", but for his compulsively readable adventure stories. It was Sharpe who uncovered the black side of Yates's character: the man who behaved boorishly in the man of letters, who on one occasion called a local inhabitant a "dirty Jew" and breaking his arm, and managing to cheat his first wife out of much of her alimony.

Since then we have had the first full-length biography of Yates by A. J. Smithers, which is now reissued to mark the centenary. Yates, it turns out, never warmed to a legal career, although he was involved in the trial of the notorious Dr Crippen as the junior to the great Edwardian advocate, Travers Humphreys.

But for the lawyer in Edwardian England it was hard to break through and earn any kind of decent income. Young Mercer had always enjoyed writing; now he set his cap at *Punch* and surprised even himself by getting his very first piece accepted under the title *Temporary*



Yates: humour, adventure, thrillers - and ghost autobiographer

Insanity. However, it was "first time lucky", for nothing ever again appeared under the Yates byline in *Punch*. Instead he started writing for now-forgotten journals such as *Pearson's* and the *Windsor Magazine*. Here he created the rudiments of his "Berry" stories rather in the image of Anthony Hope's Dolly dialogues of the 1890s. He also, as has only recently come to light, ghosted the autobiography of King Edward VII's chauffeur, C. L. Stamper, which gave him a valuable insight into royal service and the Rolls-Royce.

Yates never wasted research material. It is obvious when reading his books that here is a man who knows more about the workings of the Rolls-Royce than most of his contemporaries. And Stamper was transfigured into Carson, chauffeur to the hero of his "Chandos"

books, Jonah Mansel, otherwise first cousin to "Berry" Pleydell.

For contemporary taste, the "Berry" books are often considered too mannered, the attitudes of the characters too prejudiced. The stories are little more than humorous conversation pieces, doing little but talk about what they might or might not do next. Action and plot come only in modest spurts.

Not so the "Chandos" books which might be written by a different author altogether. It had not passed Yates's notice that as the 1920s wore on the vogue was for fast-moving adventure stories in the manner of "Sapper" and Buchan. Yates knew better than merely to ape a current fashion, and he chose instead to return to a previous generation for inspiration, to Anthony Hope and *The Prisoner of Zenda*. Instead of Ruritania, Yates picked the Pyrenees, which had become his home. For plot he thought treasure might be suitable (Stevenson's *Treasure Island* had been a childhood favourite).

Yates liked the first-person manner of telling his stories, as this allowed him to air his own prejudices, so he created Richard Chandos as second lead to Jonah Mansel, Berry's cousin, and to double as a sidekick and narrator. Yates had always run a nice line in villans with names to match (Sycamore Tight, Mr Slobber and Mr Wireworm among many). Now he produced some corkers: "Rose" Noble, male despite the nickname, and, surely the peach of them all, Vanity Fair, one of the few female villains of fiction, and one of the best.

What makes Dornford Yates still read today, however, is the page-turning quality of his thrillers. Tom Sharpe puts it simply: "He told a story brilliantly." But one of the pleasures is also the seemingly impossible predicaments he creates for his hero.

Dornford Yates would without doubt disapprove of today's world. But the revival of interest in his books 25 years after his death would give him pleasure indeed.

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Books in print: *Berry* and *Co. Adele and Co. and John and Co. (Penguin) Blind Corner, Bould Royal, Pershable Goods, She Fell Among Thistles* (Dent); A. J. Smithers' *Dornford Yates*; has been reissued by Hodder & Sloughton.

Jack Straw

No Tory comfort from Silentnight

Once there were 16 trains a day to Barnoldswick on the branch line from Earby. Then the line closed.

In the 1960s the main line from Earby to Skipton and Colne closed too. In 1974, Peter Walker moved Barnoldswick - chapel, church and civic hall - from Yorkshire to Lancashire: fathers arranged for their children to be born over the border, in the Yorkshire from which they had been summarily evicted, for fear their sons would be denied the chance to follow Truman and Roycott to Headingley. An eccentric MP once suggested that the third London airport might be sited there, since Rolls Royce engines are made in the area.

Now there is a strike in this pleasant, little town that so few people know. It has been going on for 18 weeks, but nobody much outside north east Lancashire has noticed. The problem is that there have been no mobs, no mass pickets, no baton charges, no cracked heads. When I visited the pickets' shelter in the sheeting rain last week, it was introduced to everyone there by their christian name. It was some time before I grasped that the blue one at the end of the row was not a picket but the single policeman stationed to maintain public order for the day.

The strikers are proud that their strike has been a peaceful one; prouder still that they had a proper pre-strike ballot and obtained a mandate for the strike. They are proud of their organization, of the food parcels doled out twice weekly from the Methodist church hall. They are proud, and very bitter that there is nothing about the strike which will make a headline, nothing to excite the news desks except an everyday story of men and women now in great hardship who followed the rules, went on strike, and got sacked for their trouble.

Silentnight, the firm at the centre of the dispute, is - or rather was - one of the Conservative models of enterprise and initiative. The founder, Tom Clarke (still chairman today), started his bed-making business 40 years ago in a very modest way. Now it employs well over 2,000 people and on a visit in 1983, Margaret Thatcher described Clarke as "Mr Wonderful".

Somewhere, somehow, however, the old paternalistic style of management broke down. There was a strike in early 1984, when a branch of the Furniture, Timber and Allied Trades Union was formed. In December 1984 Silentnight made 88 people redundant. At the beginning of 1985, the union says it was told that if staff forewent a pay rise for three to four months, the company would guarantee that there would be no further redundancies. But, says the union, this agreement was broken by the company, and 52 redundancies were announced eight weeks later.

The union then pressed its pay claim. Negotiations broke down, and after a ballot the workforce at Barnoldswick struck on June 10. The union says that it was always willing to submit the dispute to binding arbitration, but that the company has refused. On July 22, Silentnight dismissed the 500 workers who were on strike, and has since been recruiting non-union labour to do their jobs.

The company may have an answer to the union's charge of obduracy, but if it does it is not saying. Nor will it explain why the

company cannot afford the pay rise that would cost £200,000, but can afford a dividend distribution which to the family shareholders alone comes to three times that amount.

The day that I visited Barnoldswick was the day that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Nigel Lawson was seeking to whip the Tory faithful from torpor to stupor with his bankrupt claim that "foremost among the causes of unemployment" was the behaviour of the trade unions. If only the unions had that much power. The staggering thing about the strikers at Silentnight is not their industrial muscle, but the fact that against overwhelming odds, and now great poverty, these people have been willing to fight for a principle - the sanctity, as they see it, of binding agreements - and because they are unwilling to sacrifice their dignity and self-respect.

If the strike ballot had been lost, the result would have been proclaimed as a "victory for common sense" and for the Conservatives' policy of "giving the unions back to their members". But for this government, union ballots are to be welcomed only if the result undermines the union leaders and shop stewards whom the rhetoric tells us are so out of touch with their members. If the ballot finds in the leaders' favour, then up go shouts of "four".

The ballots for political funds were designed by Norman Tebbit to undermine Labour's financial base and the unions' links with the party. Tebbit's hopes were also our fears; but events have shown that there is massive support inside the trade union movement for political funds. No ballot has yet been lost; most have been carried by margins of three or four to one.

There has been no fulsome welcome, however, by Conservative ministers for this exercise in democracy which the government was so proud to impose upon the trade unions. Instead there are repeated efforts to undermine its legitimacy; claims that union members were not made aware that political funds would be used in part to finance the Labour Party. Union members cannot but be aware of this, not least because of Tebbit and his friends. It was he who ordered the posters trailed round at the Labour Party conference which read "Welcome to the Trade Union Conference (signed Norman Tebbit)".

The strikers at Barnoldswick could be forgiven for some cynicism about the Conservatives' commitment to democracy, union or otherwise. Why stick to the rules, they could argue, when the consequence is that your case will be ignored even more? But they have not and they will not take that attitude. Win or lose, the strikers there are a symbol, a beacon of hope to the thousands of others who have to endure aggressive managements and bad wages as the only alternative to long-term unemployment.

Nor should the wider public forget the lessons of this strike. For the Conservatives, trade union democracy appears little more than a tactic to be used or abused at will. For socialists, it has to be a principle. Ballots, despite their inspiration, will turn out greatly to have strengthened the labour movement and not to have weakened it. The author is Labour MP for Blackburn.

A. N. Author

Rhymes for The Times

I have commissioned five major poets to celebrate in verse the two hundredth anniversary of the *Times*. First, let me drop the names and then explain the catch.

They are, in order of appearance, Chaucer, Shakespeare, Milton, Pope and Benjamin. It has not been easy to select the team. The main prerequisites were a command of heroic diction and an epic voice to match the subject, plus the ability to know that some of these fellows are prone to go a bit, but I am sure they can boil their efforts down to meet the space constraints of a modern journal.

The good news is that all five have agreed to take part, even though certain other noses have been put out of joint. I gather from Southey that Wordsworth is mightily miffed at his omission, and from Boswell that Dr Johnson thinks we should have extended the franchise to prose.

Donne was rejected because of his aptness to preach. Hopkins and Eliot on grounds of obscuritism. Keats for reasons of health, Shelley because of his politics, Dylan Thomas for fear he would not meet the deadline, and the author of *Beowulf* since he still enjoys a quite indecent exposure at Oxford.

Marin was deemed too selective in his choice of material, and Hughes too dour. Certain foreign writers were considered, but ruled out on the assumption that translation fees would make their submissions prohibitively expensive. In the end, dead poets found favour over the living as they were considered less likely to exercise the right of appeal. In no other literary award will you find such a forthright statement of priorities.

Now for the catch: it is you who will be providing the lines. No more than a dozen, please, in whatever manner you care to adopt. Entries will be judged not merely on stylistic accuracy, but also on the wit of the observations, be they historical or contemporary. Irreverence is allowed; relevance is requested.

Original work is mandatory. I cannot claim that the idea is entirely original. Recently I received an anonymous letter with a Northamptonshire postmark; it contained the following, which I take to be a fragment of a larger work on one of the darker episodes in the paper's history. It is dated 1799:

O Thunder! Art silent & now art last,
Thou teller of the present through the past;
Dust languish in some dull and drear recess
Of thy once loud but now deserted press.
Those thunderclaps which kept the Empire whole
No longer, like thine ageing hardware, roll.
O say, thou mighty organ whose great stops
Themselves are stopp'd by disaffected ops,
O say, when will that harmony return,
Which made thy lines type and rotary turn?
What, never? Will this damn'd dissonance
Stretch to death a long life's long suspension?
Can angels not the union lords assuage
And keep thee from some rival's obit page?
O Thunder, pray heed my questions bold -
Thou canst not speak, thy mighty corpse is cold.

I took it to be the work of a fifth-rate Augustan, or else Dryden on a bad day. Surely you can improve on this, with a little help from the professionals - and perhaps find a less funeral mode than the above. All entries please to A. N. Author, Features Department, The Times, New Printing House Square, 200 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8EZ, by October 31. Send an SAE if you want them returned. Winners will each receive a bottle of *Times* Bollinger champagne and samples will appear on this page.

Author's decision is final.



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BEHIND THE BARRACKING

South Africa's present condition is as a regional great power run by an elected white dictatorship. It has a dynamic economy creating sufficient wealth to sustain a much larger African area threatened with disaster. It must be in the interests of everyone to convert this situation to one in which the fundamental instability of the white dictatorship no longer threatens the area as a whole but contributes its power to help those other black and mixed nations around it to prosper. And to achieve that with the minimum of bloodshed on the way.

The existing constitution of South Africa precludes such change for reasons which have been long worn down in the anvil of rhetoric and passion. The point has been reached where the outside world now seems to be prepared only for a unitary state based on universal adult suffrage after a revolutionary war which would leave nothing, but nothing, in its place. Nevertheless within South Africa there are many groups, individuals and thinking institutions - would be talkers, who dare not think out loud lest their tentative sentiments get swept aside in the firestorm which is now gusting before their lips.

Does the storm blow too late or too loud for them to listen to each other inside, however loud a noise we are making on the roof and the doors of their house outside? Surely not. It is their house and they are going to have to live in it. No South Africans, of any race, colour or nation therein, can have been unaware of the deep unhappiness and sense of isolation which has affected their community. The whole of South Africa has been living a lie and having endured it all these years it must want to start talking about it now that there may be a chance to get on with the argument.

At the root of the matter is that, whatever Mr Botha and his white constitutionalists maintain

about the rights accorded to non-white citizens under the system of apartheid, in comparison with the rest of Africa, South Africa's non-whites do not have effective political rights. Somehow there for South Africa has to move towards a federal structure of some kind where all citizens would have effective political rights without that resulting in a unitary state of universal national suffrage. Federal structures do not need to sustain the direct access of citizens to matters affecting defence, finance or foreign affairs. Citizens rights can be explored in a variety of settings. But one only has to look at the patchwork of races, provinces and suffrages to see how much hard work there is for a national convention. For instance, the 1983 Parliament consists of three chambers - House of Assembly (White) 178 members, House of Representatives (Coloured) 85 members, House of Delegates (Asian, mainly Indians) 45, giving a total membership of 308. This gave rise to one member for every 25,000 Whites, one for every 30,000 Coloureds, and one member for every 18,000 Asians, according to the figures for the 1980 census.

Of course this structure was only a constitutional flash in the pan which would not be in any way satisfactory as a blueprint for South Africa's future, but it starts to indicate the creative elements of representative democracy which could be available to South Africans if they explored more deeply into these matters. There are many of them, from many sources, who must do the exploring, each to each other without the barracking and the sound of blunt instruments hammering on their windows.

We must remember that there are already four so-called independent black states within the Union: Ciskei, Bophuthatswana, Transkei and Venda. They may have been treated with derision in the outside world but they are

based on tribal origins and they would be expected to have something to say for themselves in a constitutional structure devised in a looser setting than that envisaged under the iron bonds of apartheid. Then there are the so-called self-governing states: Gazankulu, Kangwane, Kwa-Ndebele, Kwa-Zulu, Lebowa and Qwaqwa. Again they will throw up some indigenous leadership, possibly of poor quality but certainly based on tribal loyalties which will not necessarily want to be subsumed in the leadership of the African National Council, not least with its affinity to the South African Communist Party. And again there is the UDF, another body which, like all those hitherto mentioned, raise questions about how much leadership any of them can exercise on the ground, in the streets and during the struggle.

To these must be added the churchmen and, in paramouncy, Mr Nelson Mandela whose release at the least must be an imperative first signal by Mr Botha of his willingness to talk to other people who want to talk. Nor should it be hung about with a pre-condition of non-violence since surely the renunciation of violence would be an inherent element in talking, whereas the ability to control violence while talks were in progress would not so much be a test of such a pre-condition as a test of that leader's quality of leadership.

The contribution that could be made to this process by the international community, business and government, will be discussed in a third article later this week but it can already be seen that the changes which could bring South Africa from here to there are complex and almost perpetual in their variability. It is not a time to discourage talking through all these matters by wielding a blunt instrument when the moment has clearly arrived to use diplomacy at its finest level.

PLAN TODAY, JAM TOMORROW

If Mr Gorbachev fulfils his promises, the life of ordinary Soviet citizens will improve beyond recognition before the end of the century. Yesterday's plenary meeting in Moscow of the Communist Party Central Committee had on its agenda more than the usual five year plan for the economic development of the USSR. Its members, more than 300 top party and government officials, also approved an unusually comprehensive project aimed at greatly increasing production of consumer goods and raising standards of service by the year 2000. Under Mr Gorbachev, however, even this demanding schedule is not enough. The new Soviet leader is determined to complete by February a revised version of the "Party Programme" - the blueprint of the Communist future whose first version was produced in order to achieve Lenin's seizure of power. The most recent task of revision was begun by President Brezhnev but the task proved so complex that it outwitted him and the two leaders who followed.

No opposition to Mr Gorbachev's proposals can be expected from the Central Committee, which is undergoing thorough renewal as Mr Gorbachev promotes his own younger supporters in the party and government hierarchy. This week, only shortly after appointing a new prime minister, he retired another of the Brezhnev old guard, Mr Nikolai Baibakov,

who had headed the central planning organisation for 20 years. The new chairman of Gosplan (promoted to candidate membership of the Politburo yesterday) is Mr Nikolai Talyzin, aged 56, a highly qualified telecommunications engineer, who for the past five years has held the post of deputy premier and Soviet representative to Comecon. He is clearly a good man to supervise the introduction of new technologies and further the integration of the Soviet economic bloc.

All these changes help to confirm Mr Gorbachev's image as an energetic reformer well able to reorganize the economy at home, while simultaneously pursuing a thrusting foreign policy designed to put President Reagan on the defensive at their November summit. Yet it is easier to create this image than to fulfil the expectations it raises at home and abroad. It is all very well to promise more of all kinds of consumer goods from shoes, to children's toys but in the past, light industry has all come far behind heavy and defence industry in the queue for raw materials in short supply. Even if production plans are achieved in quantity, the generally poor quality of goods has led to widespread complaints.

Moscow is relying on Italian and French expertise to improve car production, for example, since this is the status symbol most desired by the average

citizen. However, the latest Soviet statistics show that while so far this year the total planned production of all goods has been surpassed by 1 per cent, among the sectors where output has actually dropped below that of last year are building materials, steel, synthetic fibres, automated systems, and cars. Worse still, oil output is down 4 per cent, leading to a drastic drop in hard currency earnings which makes importing western technology a less possible solution to the inadequacies of Soviet centralised planning.

Under Mr Gorbachev an interesting economic debate has surfaced in the controlled press, with advocates of market socialism in the form practised in Hungary, and of East German rationalisation of the centralised administration having their say. But the bureaucratic and ideological barriers to change remain strong, and yesterday Mr Gorbachev confirmed that he has no intention of freeing the market forces which would make an improvement in consumer goods and services a realistic prospect. The 1961 Party Programme promised that the USSR would overtake the US by 1980, and that all citizens would live in "easy circumstances". Mr Gorbachev's revised version will be more modest, and for all his promises the message remains tough: stay sober, work harder, and perhaps life will be better in the future.

Overcrowded prisons

From Mr Maurice Logan-Salton
Sir, The rationale for the Government's reluctance to use the power of early release is that this would be an improper interference with the sentencing process (report, October 3). The Home Secretary is prepared to allow the prison population to rise beyond 48,000 rather than use measures granted by Parliament, in 1982, in anticipation of the present crisis.

The Government is unwise to regard the sentencing process as sacrosanct. The courts are responsible for several injustices conducive to an unreasonably large prison population. They include the excessive number of remand prisoners who do not, in due course, receive a custodial sentence, and children being sent to youth custody centres for increasingly less serious offences and without having had the opportunity to benefit from constructive periods of residential care.

Furthermore, the Home Secretary must be aware that overcrowding does itself interfere with the sentencing process. Hundreds of teenagers are held in adult prisons because there is no room for them in the youth custody centres to which they were sentenced. At several YCCs there have been serious disturbances, the result of inappropriate regimes attempting to cope with large numbers of young offenders.

The Prison Department is insatiable in its demands on the taxpayer. In terms of recidivism rates it turns out defective products with the arrogance of a nationalised industry immune from the normal expectations of such a huge investment and apparently safe from the fresh winds of privatization.

It would be a grim example of political expediency if the Government is content to wait for a particularly unpleasant disturbance to occur before initiating the kind of radical measure that the crisis of overcrowding now demands.

Yours faithfully,
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October 3.

Funding pensions

From Mr Peter Koch
Sir, In May 1980 the Government set up an inquiry to consider and advise upon the index-linking of pensions. After Mrs Thatcher's earlier pronouncements on the subject it seemed to most that this inquiry was intended to provide the ammunition for the abolition of such index-linking in the public sector.

The result of the inquiry was the Scott Report, presented to Parliament in February 1981. Far from recommending any reduction in the

pension expectations among public sector employees, it recommended ways of extending this to the private sector.

Since then managers of privately funded schemes have continuously emphasised that the cost would be prohibitive. Indeed even now they have continued to lobby quietly against that part of the Social Security Bill which specifies that schemes provide at least 5 per cent pension increases per annum (unless inflation is less than this figure).

That they can continue the hypocrisy of preaching that index-linking is prohibitively expensive, whilst at the same time wishing to take a contributions holiday because investment returns have been so good, is the type of behaviour which causes their members to distrust their fund managers.

The very least the scheme managers can do is guarantee index linking for such a period as their funding and investment permit. Only then should the question of a contributions holiday arise, and even then would be ethically debatable.

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Question of loyalty for the Tories

From Lord Alport

Sir, Many members of the Conservative Party will have noted Mr Tebbit's eloquent plea at the Blackpool conference for party loyalty. A historian has defined Tory Party loyalty as "loyalty to persons". There is, or should be, room in any party for differences over policy, and such differences within a party should exist without involving accusations of disloyalty to the party's leadership.

But where, as at present, the policy of the Government is so closely identified with the personality, prejudices and style of the Prime Minister, it becomes increasingly difficult for some Conservatives to give personal loyalty when policies become increasingly unacceptable.

"Thatcherism" is not Conservatism. Conservatives like myself have watched a Tory Government in the grip of the monetarist heresy; have seen the progressive weakening of our industrial base; the social and human consequences of high

unemployment; the emasculation of our system of local government; and the failure to redress the growing regional fissures in our country, which will now take more than a generation to heal.

As Lord Hailsham has said, our Constitution provides for an "elective dictatorship", but where that dictatorship becomes identified with the personality and policies of a party leader, presiding over a compliant Cabinet, appeals to the Tory tradition of "loyalty to persons" ceases to carry any moral sanction.

Loyalty cannot mean "my party's leader right or wrong" and those lifelong members of the Conservative Party who believe that "Thatcherism" is politically and intellectually wrong cannot be accused of disloyalty.

Yours faithfully,
ALPORT,
The Cross House,
Laver-de-la-Haye,
Colchester, Essex,
October 14.

Job-seeker's dilemma

From Mr Ian Kennard

Sir, I feel that after constant abuse, direct and indirect, I must reply to those in privileged positions, e.g. Mr Jeffrey Archer.

At present I live in bed and breakfast accommodation, working part-time, my rent of £49 being paid by the DHSS. After countless attempts at finding cheaper accommodation, and trying unsuccessfully to put my name on the local council housing list, I came across the stumbling block of having to find either a deposit or, in some cases, two months' rent in advance. I have been told that the DHSS would not entertain such moves.

Looking through vacancies in the JobCentre and local newspapers, the wages on offer would just pay my rent, leaving me with just enough money to buy my weekly food, and to clothe me. Hopefully my part-time job will eventually lead to full-time employment and whilst financially I would more than likely be worse off, I am prepared to suffer short term, in order to benefit long term.

However, the "Catch 22" situation remains. I cannot afford cheaper accommodation, and short term lettings at present terms. I cannot afford to take many jobs on offer, because the wages would not even pay my rent. (Yes, I know that rent rebates are on offer, but what do I eat in the time it takes for the rebate to be processed, known sometimes to take six to eight weeks?)

Israeli raid

From Professor M. E. Mazzawi

Sir, The conclusions you reach in your editorial, "Eye for eye or tooth for tooth?" (October 5) on the Israeli raid on Tunisia are based on the old law not the new.

Contrary to what you say "reprisals" cannot be claimed as a right and cannot lawfully be resorted to by a member of the United Nations. The Security Council in 1964, following a complaint against Britain for bombing bases in the Yemen which were said to organize forays into Aden Colony, condemned reprisals as "incompatible with the purposes and principles of the United Nations".

A resolution adopted by the General Assembly in 1970 (the Declaration on Principles of International Law Concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation Among

States in Accordance with the United Nations Charter) declared that "States have a duty to refrain from acts of reprisal involving the use of force".

The other point you make - that under international law "no state should harbour those intent on using force against another" - is not an absolute principle. The United Nations Charter established the right of peoples to self-determination, and several resolutions of the General Assembly have reaffirmed this and underlined the legitimacy of the struggle of oppressed and dispossessed peoples (including specifically the Palestinians) for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Yours faithfully,
MUSA MAZZAWI,
The Polytechnic of Central London,
Faculty of Law,
Red Lion Square, WC1.
October 5.

Supporting apartheid

From the Dean of King's College, London

Sir, There is, in effect, a war on in South Africa. In a way you have to make up your mind where you stand. Mrs Thatcher's Government may be very sincere in their moral condemnation of apartheid, but their political and economic policies towards South Africa, in particular their refusal to support sanctions, have the effect of supporting and strengthening the apparatus of apartheid. We could hardly have given verbal support for the French Resistance in World War II whilst at the same time carrying on a flourishing trade with the Vichy regime.

The British Government is not

naive. It knows that no ruling élite ever voluntarily surrenders its power; it knows that, one way or another, change is going to come. Presumably also it wants British business to have a long-term stake in South Africa.

There are, therefore, only two realistic alternatives. To make mere gestures whilst in fact resigning oneself to the inevitable increase of devastating violence as the agent of change. To put fierce financial pressure on the South African Government so that they make genuine, as opposed to cosmetic changes, before the dam bursts.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD HARRIES, Dean,
King's College London (KQC),
University of London,
Strand, WC2.

Tibet and China

From Mr Ned Bigham

Sir, Having spent some time in Tibet earlier this year, I would question several of the points made in Mr Mackie's letter (October 5). Although he claims that since 1980 the Tibetans have been allowed religious freedom, this so-called freedom is very limited. Even today the teaching of Buddhism is forbidden in schools, and State authorities set strict quotas on the number of monks in a monastery.

Monasteries which were once among the largest in the world (Drepung, Sera, Ganden, Xigatse) are now mere ghost towns; only a few hundred monks are allowed to practise, instead of the tens of

thousands that used to populate them.

Chinese reconstruction of these monasteries is not out of respect for the Tibetan religion, not out of a desire to repair damage committed in the cultural revolution. It is for the tourist industry, and those monasteries off the tourist track will be left in decay.

Mr Mackie's statement, "in Tibet nobody starves", contradicts my experiences there. If a group of ragged children who search the barren mountainside for grains of corn and animals' remains is not an example of starvation, what is?

Yours faithfully,
NED BIGHAM,
Balliol College,
Oxford.
October 7.

A proper study

From Dr Derek Sayer

Sir, I am puzzled as to what intellectual device enables Roger Scruton (October 8) to see academic sociology and "peace education" as identical forms of intellectual corruption. "The proliferation of spurious equivalences", perhaps? But surely readers might be surprised at Karl Marx's views on the indoctrination of school children.

Nothing could be introduced either in primary or higher schools that admitted of party and class interpretation. Only subjects such as the physical sciences, grammar, etc, were fit matter for schools. The rules of grammar, for instance, could not differ whether explained by a

religious Tory or a freethinker. Subjects that admitted of different conclusions must be excluded and left for the adults. (Minutes of General Council of the International Working Men's Association, August 17, 1869).

As a parent, as well as an academic, I too, am saddened by the sight of any intellectual discipline being prostituted to ideological ends. So what on earth is Mr Scruton, via your columns, doing week by week to moral philosophy? Yours etc,
DEREK SAYER,
University of Glasgow,
Department of Sociology,
61 Southpark Avenue,
The University, Glasgow.
October 9.

Putting women in a truer context

From Mrs Monica Furlong

Sir, "Woman is the best friend religion ever had, but religion is not the best friend woman ever had" goes the saying, and it is one that would arise naturally from James Fenton's view of the Bible (October 10). But the Bible is a much richer and more complex document than he suggests, which perhaps is why women in Jewish and Christian cultures have not simply cut the nonsense and committed themselves to other beliefs long ago.

Actually the Old Testament devotes very little space to gang rape or instructions about cutting off women's hands. The lovingly erotic words of the Song of Songs, in wonderful imagery in which Israel is seen as a barren woman who becomes fertile through God's love, in passages of the prophets, even in Genesis itself (though the Adam and Eve story has done infinitely more mischief to women than anything Fenton quotes), a very different way of seeing women emerges, amazingly appreciative and affirming.

The New Testament with the Galatians text suggesting that the love of God transcends all dualities, even the male/female one - a belief prefigured by the close friendships Jesus had with women - carries on the theme.

Quite apart from specific texts about women, the magnificent spirit of the Bible, with its sense of the dignity of humanity and of the special value of the poor and the powerless, shows misogyny up for the frightened, life-denying sickness that it is, an insight which the churches to this day find hard to grasp.

It is open season for sneering at the feminists, but perhaps their deep concern with the relations of men and women, and of both to God, is nearer to the spirit of the Bible and to the ills of our society than feels comfortable or convenient for us to face.

Yours faithfully,
MONICA FURLONG,
33 St Quintin Avenue, W10,
October 11.

Widening ministry

From Mr Frank Field, MP for Birkenhead (Labour)

Sir, There was a high degree of unreality in Roger Jupp's argument (feature, October 12) against the ordination of women priests. Contrary to what the article suggests, large numbers of women have already been ordained Anglican priests; their numbers are greater than the total number of clergy in a large English diocese.

In addition, how can Anglicans argue against women priests on the grounds that legitimacy can only be ensured if reforms are supported by the rest of Christendom? I cannot recall the orthodox or the Roman Catholic hierarchies being oversupervisory when faced with the English Reformation.

Yours faithfully,
FRANK FIELD,
House of Commons,
October 14.

Tribunal appeals

From Mr David C. Humphreys

Sir, I have been sitting as a part-time chairman of social security appeal tribunals on the supplementary benefits side and am saddened at the apparent failure on the part of claimants to understand the limits to our ability to help them and also at their ignorance of their rights in general.

As a consequence of these misunderstandings much time and money wasted are those claimants who may have good grounds of appeal, or at least an arguable case, have to wait longer, sometimes several months, due to the pressure of work for their appeal to be heard.

Surely there should be generous State or local authority funding of such bodies as Citizens' Advice Bureaux, law centres, and the Child Poverty Action Group so that the citizen has easy access to independent organisations.

I have no doubt that, particularly in alleged cases of overpayment to claimants, appealing to tribunals frequently has the most salutary effect on the decision, from the point of view of the claimant, and sometimes the reverse, as it has the effect of making the adjudication officer reconsider the decision. It is often in those cases that the appellant should take expert advice, thus avoiding much worry and time and money-wasting.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID C. HUMPHREYS,
3 Hare Court,
Temple, EC4.
October 4.

Teachers' duties

From Mr J. A. Seabrook

Sir, Is Sir Keith Joseph trying to provoke teachers into further action in order to turn public support away from them, which he has so far failed to do?

If that is his intention, I think he may have succeeded with my wife, a primary school head with almost 30 years' service. She has just left home to start her usual 10-hour day, to be followed by the average couple of hours' work at home, in obvious fury at what she believes are the slanders and distortions heaped on her and her colleagues in the Education Secretary's television interview this morning.

Sir Keith's refusal to answer a direct question on the level of the 1985 pay offer, his unwillingness to concede that teachers may have a reasonable case, and his accusations of their neglect of the children have hurt my wife deeply. There can be no way in which she would now agree to a settlement urged by a Government minister who obvi-

ON THIS DAY

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In 1933 Germany was rapidly approaching bankruptcy; inflation was totally out of control. In January 1919 the dollar quotation for the mark was 8.5; in July 1923, 493.2; in October 1923, 25,260 million and in the following month, 4,200,000 million. In November 1923 the currency was stabilised with the introduction of the Rentenmark.

SHOPPING IN BERLIN

GOLD AND PAPER MARKS.

THE 'MULTIPLICATOR' IN ACTION.

(FROM AN ENGLISHWOMAN IN BERLIN.)
Keeping house in Berlin is a difficult task, but at least it has the charm of variety. Up to about a year ago, when the dollar was only half understood, and one bought in marks at more or less fixed prices, living was cheap. Articles might cost their hundreds or thousands of paper marks, but in relation to prices at home there was a distinct advantage on the side of English people who drew their pay in England and spent it in Germany. Many English and other "strong valuers" foreigners, especially Dutch, and Scandinavians came to live in Germany for economy's sake, much as English people lived on the Rhine after the Franco-Prussian war - for the advantage of cheap living and good education for their children.

The paper mark with its round figures of noughts, as confusing to the untrained mind, is fast giving way before the gold mark, and might disappear altogether if the gold mark had any real existence. For the gold mark is only imaginary money invented to simplify price lists and at the same time keep prices above a hundred. The menus and wine lists in the restaurants are no longer priced in millions of marks. Instead, the various items are priced in gold marks, and at the foot of the list is a figure, called the "depreciation factor," or "multiplier," by which the gold mark is multiplied. The result is paid in paper marks. The gold mark represents actually rather more than a shilling, and the "multiplier" is about a quarter of the rate of the dollar for the day. Thus a bill of twelve gold marks on a day when the dollar stood at 180 million marks would be about 48 million paper marks.

RECKONING IN MILLIONS.

It sounds confusing, but one gets accustomed to it. The mark in its millions is, of course, still the compulsory currency. But even things sold for paper marks are sold at stationary prices in price from day to day. My newspaper man, white-haired, wrinkled, and nearly 80 years old, always finds it impossible to reckon how much I owe him at the end of the week, and I have to do the sum for him. It usually runs into millions, and I have discovered that the cent counts above a hundred. Transactions in foreign money are strictly prohibited, but in spite of the threats of the currency dictator I am frequently asked in shops to pay in dollars.

In the shops, hats, coats, furs, and shoes are always invariably marked in gold marks. These are extremely dear, and usually become even dearer in the process of purchase. The calculation gives the shopkeeper plenty of opportunity to make a little extra, and the wise purchaser will look first to see what the official gold-mark rate is before setting foot in the store. The ordinary household commodities - bread, flour, meat, fruit, vegetables, and cereals - are generally priced in millions of marks, but all luxuries (real coffee is a luxury and so are most fruits) are generally in gold marks, and are especially expensive. As a rule, articles are not marked in plain figures, but only with a cipher number. You ask the price, and the shop assistant usually has to go and inquire first what the gold-mark price is, and next what the gold-mark exchange is. Then she looks at the number up in the ready-reckoner.

The exchange rate is fixed at noon, and is supposed to govern transactions for the rest of the day. Before that no particular rate is binding, and people ask what they think they will get. The flower women who sit with their baskets along the railings of the Leipzig Platz, outside Wertheim's (the Whiteley's of Berlin), think in dollars. Millions are much too confusing. Before the official rate comes out they will charge for their purchases at their own "dubious" just what they think the customer will pay. After the rate is out they take the pre-war price, multiply it, and add 100 per cent for possible loss. This is called the "take-no-risk-dollar," and it is done in most of the shops also. Not all shops follow the official rate. As often as not the seller is guided by the unofficial rate, which is the basis of illicit dealings done in the *cafés* or on the *kerb*, the "black bourse," as it is called. It is sometimes as much as double the official rate.

Good shepherd

From the Reverend A. Durran
Sir, Mrs G. M. Gill (October 10) might like to know that the licence which I received yesterday in Manchester Cathedral has taken the appointment to which she refers one step further. It declares that I am in sole charge of The Apostles' Young People's Society.
Yours faithfully,
TONY DURRAN,
The Rectory,
Church of the Apostles,
Ridgway Street, Manchester.
October 14.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 15: The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips visited Leicester today.

Having been received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Leicestershire (Colonel Andrew Martin), Her Royal Highness, President of the Save the Children Fund, this morning received a Land-Rover from Kirby and West Limited (Managing Director, Mr. J. Smith).

Afterwards the Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips presented the Leicestershire and Rutland County Awards (Director Mr. D. Powell) at the East Midlands Electricity Board. Her Royal Highness, President of the Save the Children Fund, this afternoon attended the Children's Event at Manor High School, Oadby (Headmaster, Mr. R. Moore). The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, and Mrs. Mark Phillips.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. M. Bray and Miss S. C. Boscawen
The engagement is announced between Mr J. M. Bray, of Southwold, Suffolk, and Sarah, elder daughter of the Hon Edward and Mrs Boscawen, of Handcross, Sussex.

Mr P. D. Wakefield and Miss M. E. Peaseley
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Mr M. A. D'A. Anderson and Miss S. C. Page-Ratcliff
The engagement is announced between Mr M. A. D'A. Anderson, Queen's Own Highlanders, younger son of Major G. D'A. Anderson, of Glenurquhart, Inverness-shire, and Mrs Arthur Douglas-Nugent, of Westbury, Wiltshire, and Lucinda, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ivan Page-Ratcliff, of Oakley Green, Berkshire.

Mr T. Camps and Miss F. Ward
The engagement is announced between Mr T. Camps, of Bosham, Sussex, and Philippa, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs G. A. B. Ward, of Little Gaddesden, Hertfordshire.

Mr M. A. Coombs and Miss J. L. Denech
The engagement is announced between Mr M. A. Coombs, of Broomfield, Hertfordshire, and Joanne Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Denech, of Chislehurst, Kent.

Mr S. P. Cotton and Miss M. C. Wagstaff
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Mr M. J. C. Hill and Miss J. A. Barton
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Mr A. R. G. King and Miss S. E. Slavia
The engagement is announced between Mr A. R. G. King, of Bath, and Susan, eldest daughter of the late Mr and Mrs James Slavia, of St Andrews, Bristol.

Mr B. H. Parker and Miss M. E. Hanson
The engagement is announced between Mr B. H. Parker, of Farnham, Surrey, and Mrs J. C. M. Cuthbert, of Buckland, Oxfordshire, and Caroline, only daughter of Colonel and Mrs R. L. Wallis, of Broughton, Hampshire.

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Philipps, Honorary President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, later visited Corah PLC where Her Royal Highness was received by the Executive Chairman (Mr G. Corah).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, President of the Save the Children Fund, subsequently attended a Civic Reception at the Lord Mayor's Rooms (Councillor Mrs Janet Seignfield).

Her Royal Highness, attended by Mr Malcolm Innes, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 15: The Duke of Gloucester, as Patron of the Richard III Society, visited Madame Tussaud's this morning and viewed the new waxwork figure of Richard III.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

A memorial service for Dr Leslie Paul will be held today in Southwark Cathedral at 11.30 am.

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The Rev C. F. Pickstone and Miss H. T. Thomas
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Mr K. F. Wood and Miss J. Lewis
The engagement is announced between Mr K. F. Wood, of Kew, Surrey, and second son of Mr and Mrs J. Wood, and Alix, younger daughter of Group Captain and Mrs K. G. Lewis.

Marriages
Mr T. P. M. T. Chazal and Miss J. Joy
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 12, at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Bentley, of Mr Tristram Chazal, elder son of Mr and Mrs Paul Chazal, of La Madeleine, Sarthe, and Balmuccia, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. G. Joy, of Bentley, Hampshire. The Rev W. A. Rogers officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Timothy Havers, Iona Joy, Flora Ellison, Harriet Moore, Lucy Murray and Rose Scott. Mr Mark Ellison was best man.

Mr N. W. Hayes and Miss S. E. Drake
The marriage took place on October 12, at St John's, Caterham, Surrey, of Mr Nicholas Hayes, elder son of Mr and Mrs Derek Hayes, of Purley, Surrey, and Miss Susan Drake, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Gair Drake, of Caterham, Surrey. Major the Rev Basil Pratt officiated.

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The marriage took place on Saturday, October 12, at St Paul, Aldersburg, Suffolk, of Mr Hugh Simpson, son of Mr and Mrs Hugh Simpson, of Hackford Hall, Reepham, Norfolk, and Miss Emma Bassall, daughter of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Bassall, of Hill House, Snape Bridge, Samundham, Suffolk. The Rev J. P. Ashton officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Mark Lintott, Henry Llewellyn Jones, Melanie Lintott, Juliet Curshaw and Susannah Langman. Mr Jonathan Fuller was best man.

Sale room Country house lures private collectors

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

Sotheby's launched their new Sussex auction room yesterday, a Victorian Gothic pile called Summers Place, circled by 37 acres of parkland. The fine furniture sale collected for the launch made more than they had ever achieved in their old premises at Pulborough, a total of £318,670 with 17 per cent unsold.

The attractive setting and ample parking space changed the clientele, with a much larger contingent of private collectors mixed with the trade. The two top prices of the day were paid by private buyers after small attractive pieces of furniture. An elegantly inlaid Pembroke table of about 1780 in rosewood and satinwood made £11,320 (estimate £3,000-25,000) and a small walnut chest of about 1720 inlaid with featherbanding made £9,000 (estimate £2,500-£4,000).

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Church news
New Moderator named
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Sir Hugh Casson, former president of the Royal Academy, at the launch yesterday of a series of facsimiles of his watercolours of Oxford and Cambridge colleges, financed by Citibank (Photograph: Bill Warhurst).

Memorial service

Miss M. Osborn
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Miss Margaret Osborn was held yesterday in the crypt chapel of St Paul's Cathedral. The Right Rev Kenneth Woolcombe officiated, assisted by the Rev Adam Michael Beck and the Rev Adam Michael Beck.

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Staged superstitions

An Evening with the Macbeths
Shaw Theatre

At first glance, Dunsinane seems to be holding open house for cut-price O-Level visitors: met on arrival by two genial hosts (Susan Tracy and Ian McCulloch) who fire off a quick crammer's guide to the history of those fatal battlements, and then change from evening dress into tragic attire for a 50-minute *Macbeth* duet.

With its bare stage and artless voice-overs, the production could hardly be more basic, but its content is a good deal richer than its format suggests. Kate O'Mara, Mr McCulloch, and Richard Digby Day, have done their homework and come up with material not even to be found in Richard Huggitt's exhaustive compilation, *The Curse of Macbeth*.

New to me was the legend that Shakespeare stood in for an ailing principal boy and played the first Lady Macbeth: not to

mention the ordeals of Mrs Siddons who, after being upstaged by a chorus of 51 full-throated witches in the Dunsinane version, then rashly ordered a pint of beer that was delivered in the middle of her sleep-walking scene.

Too much time is given to bitchy old notices, but perhaps this is another bit of superstitious propitiation.

As it turns out they have nothing to fear. For all its rudimentary staging, the second half of the programme is totally absorbing. *Butchered Shakespeares* usually is; *Macbeth* benefits particularly from the treatment as its essential action takes place in the mind; and by eliminating everything except the central relationship its development takes on the accelerated definition of time-lapse photography. Both the performances are high-powered; and there is a fearsome added element in the scene with which the anguished Mr McCulloch loses the power to feel, and the ailing Miss Tracy turns to stone.

Irving Wardle

Ritual

Donmar Warehouse

It is not much fun being young and black in Hackney, Edgar White's rather worthy play tells us, repeatedly, and far from originally. We find an 18-year-old musician with ulcers and a married labourer with a criminal record playing cards and chewing the unappetizing fat with an epileptic white spiv in an undersubsidized youth centre.

Neither is it a great joy to be middle-aged and black. Their well-meaning minder, pushing 40 and worried about his weekly cheque from the council, cohabits with a self-consciously middle-class black woman who derides his missionary zeal among the local riff-raff, and whose sister, a frosty snob living with a Jewish adman in "the wrong part of Hampstead", observes that "he's getting more Jamaican every day".

In his mounting frustration, the youth worker is intermit-

tently visited by a gnarled, one-legged uncle whose spooky, green-lit presence only he can perceive; this spectral prompter urges him to be a man (which involves slapping the girlfriend around), and impresses on him the need to survive at all costs.

There are plenty of felicities in Gordon Case's production: Ellen Thomas and Joy Lemoine as the well-differentiated sisters who grow ever more similar as the piece progresses; Chris Tummings and Sylvester Williams as the disaffected black youngsters executing a balletic Tao Tchi routine to the atmospheric and faultlessly conceived drumming of Lenny Edwards; Ingram Hood putting his foot through his girlfriend's television screen in a succinct gesture of defiance to the white man's culture.

But there is also far too much tub-thumping, expressive, indeed, of frustration, but of little else. In the gallery above me Mr Kinnock appeared to be taking a keen interest.

Martin Cropper

David Robinson visits the set of Caravaggio, the new film by director Derek Jarman

A painterly eye for the details

The good news about the British cinema just now is that two projects, which have been so long frustrated that it seemed impossible they could ever be realized, are finally shooting. Bill Douglas is in Dorset filming *Comrades*, his film about the transported Tolpuddle Martyrs, prior to moving to Australia for the major part of the production. Derek Jarman, who has been pleading for finance for *Caravaggio* for seven years - even longer than Douglas - has finally found it, with the sponsorship of the British Film Institute's Production Board; and is currently nearing the end of his six-week shoot at Limehouse Studios.

Both directors are working with much bigger budgets than they have ever enjoyed before: at £475,000 *Caravaggio* will cost about three times as much as Jarman's previous film, *The Tempest*. Even by British standards though such a budget is today derisory (Hugh Hudson's *Revolution* was last reported soaring near the £20m mark), and does not allow for luxury or extravagance.

Outside the corrugated iron door of the *Caravaggio* studio a roughly chalked notice reads "Do not enter when Red Light is on", adding helpfully "(Red Light is on top of Dust Bin)". The studio runs along the waterside of Canary Wharf. Outside the door a somewhat neglected vessel sits waiting for repair, in company with a wooden barge so long unattended that it is picturesquely overgrown with a weed garden. Alert to every chance, Jarman used the deck of the bigger ship to shoot a scene of Caravaggio's voyage from Milan to Rome.

Inside, the set for Caravaggio's studio created by Christopher Hobbs is large and bare - mud-coloured walls interrupted only by shuttered windows. The shutters are important: the effect of Mediterranean light is achieved by seeming to shut it out, and the rushes show that

studio lamps filtering through the shutters can provide an uncanny imitation of the real thing. Every bit of the film will be shot in Limehouse; the only things that Jarman will bring from Italy are street noises. Modern traffic heard-on the soundtrack is one of several deliberate contemporary allusions which Jarman is introducing in part as an acknowledgement that artists of Caravaggio's epoch themselves painted mythical and historical subjects in the idiom of the day. Thus Caravaggio will smoke cigarettes and his rival and critic Baglione will batter out his venomous attacks on an old typewriter, which will also provide a motif on the sound track.

Jarman's portrait of the painter, and his investigation of the relationship between his art and his violent life, are the outcome of creative scholarship. "I have written the story from the paintings. I have studied the models, and found out everything I could about them. Practically everyone in the film is a real person."

One of Jarman's discoveries, involving Ranuccio Tomassoni, the man on account of whose murder Caravaggio was obliged to flee Rome, especially delights him. "I am now sure that Ranuccio was the model for the St Matthews. If I am right, that means that the strange inscription in the blood on the painting of the martyrdom, 'Caravaggio did this', could be read as a confession. Of course I can't prove it - but Caravaggio scholars are very excited by the theory. Anyway, this is the way the story was written from the paintings. What has resulted is really quite a strong, old-fashioned triangle plot, with Caravaggio, Ranuccio and Ranuccio's girl Lena - who was also a real person."

Central to the action are the scenes in which Caravaggio is seen at work. For these Christopher Hobbs has produced



The imperturbable Jarman (left) in a Caravaggio canvas brought to life

some remarkable adaptations of the original Caravaggio paintings, seen in various stages of production; and to recreate the studio scene, Jarman has cast or created some extraordinary lookalikes to represent the painter's models. Caravaggio looked for models on the streets of Rome. Jarman found the best of his Italian faces at the Circolo Gramsci, the London society of Italian Communists. The whole sorrowful group of peasant boys and bewildered old men who surround *The Death of the Virgin* are brought to life.

It was not easy to find models to resemble all the paintings. The winged boy in *Prophane Love*, with his curious, twisted, even vicious smile, proved a problem, until Jarman decided to cast a woman, Dawn Archibald - who then surprised him with some improvised

acrobatics, which instantly went into the film.

There are substantial advantages to low-budget production like this. For one thing the crew is minimal, which means that everyone is occupied all the time, and no one is bored. It is in fact so rare as to be almost unheard-of for every last member of a unit to be as fascinated and committed to the project as the collaborators on *Caravaggio*. Practically everyone turns out to see the rushes. On the set, the grips and carpenters and electricians pore over the reproductions of Caravaggio's reproductions to make sure that the lighting is right; and the young Mexican lighting cameraman, Gabriel Berstein, clearly recognizes Caravaggio as the senior collaborator in the job.

Jarman, bouncy, enthusiastic

and imperturbable, sustains their involvement. A close-up of the Virgin's feet is needed. "This is one of the most important shots of the film. Baglione was particularly upset because the Virgin was shown with dirty feet. Caravaggio had not washed them."

In any event, Jarman's special art is never to admit to poverty. *The Tempest* cost £150,000; *Jubilee* and *Sebastian* very much less; but they had the style and spectacle and elegance that comes from vision, not money. Jarman suggests what he cannot afford. Wanting to show Cardinal del Monte with his collection of works of art, Jarman, instead of renting the appropriate props, had the idea of showing everything covered in dust-sheets. The foot of a gigantic statue peeping from under a

covered shape, with other teasing, fragmentary glimpses, are all that is needed for the spectator to imagine a treasure-house.

Jarman admits that he is surprised by the rushes. "We aimed at austerity, but the images are emerging with an extraordinary sumptuous look. It's all much grander than I expected. I really did not know it was going to look so grown up, compared with my previous films. The performances make it look like a film in the classic well-acted British tradition." For the first time Jarman's cast are all professional actors, including Michael Gough as Cardinal del Monte and Nigel Terry as Caravaggio. "Nigel has the hardest job. The painter really has least to do; he's a kind of intermediary - things happen through him."

The trial of telling the truth

It is almost a year ago Kevin Billington reminds me, that Father Jerzy Popieluszko and his driver were stopped by the police on a lonely Polish road. They were not ordinary policemen, but officers of the State Security Services.

Assaulted and handcuffed, the two men were driven away. Popieluszko's driver hurled himself from the moving car and remarkably, escaped. The priest himself was not so fortunate; two weeks later his badly beaten body was recovered from the river Vistula. An outcry which soon spread far beyond Poland forced the state into unparalleled action, culminating in a spectacular trial where the officers found themselves deprived of rank and protection, and subject to the full glare of attention from the Western press.

"The most incredible thing about that trial," Kevin Billington believes, "is that it took place at all. As far as I know, it's the first time that any members of the security police in any communist country have been tried for carrying out their work." What it amounted to was a reluctant acknowledgement of the claims of the church and of the Solidarity movement.

The Deliberate Death of a Priest, which opens tomorrow at the Almeida in London, with its title recalling the accidentally dying anarchists, is a dramatization of that trial, based on a 1,000 page transcript of the courtroom proceedings. It has been written by Ronald Harwood and is a



Kevin Billington

deceptively artless piece of work, in which the words of the witnesses and the accused are verbatim translations from the trial. "But what he's done is not only to have taken the twenty-eight days of the trial and condensed the material, but he's also juxtaposed evidence from all parts of the proceedings so that the play tells the story as well."

When he read the script, Kevin Billington thought "how fascinating it would be to direct", but he had not realized just how complicated it was too. "When I did realize, I wondered how on earth I was going to stage it. Could it be done like a proper trial with 'm'lud' and all that stuff? It didn't read like that, and it has been written as if, when the evidence is being given, you're there."

"One of the hardest things for the actors is to be reporting what they are supposed to have experienced, without having actually experienced it. We did a reconstruction by putting out chairs and so forth and, although they'd been saying their lines for a week, it wasn't until then that they realized how appalling it all was."

It remains, however, for the vividness of the words to convince the audience of the truth of the action. The director is keeping strictly to the courtroom setting.

"The dead man will be the first witness. In fact, you see, the play is very stylized, although I'm slightly nervous about using that word in case people think, 'Oh dear! We're in for a bad evening here'."

"I'm Catholic so I was very interested in a situation where the church is considered so important that the state might actually want a priest killed, where it is felt necessary to have a part of the Ministry of the Interior devoted to church affairs."

"The play is also about trying to understand what sort of people they are who work for the state and why they do the things they do. Some of them in *Deliberate Death* seem to regard it as a way of securing promotion, others act out of fear or merely to stay in with the rest of the group. These kind of things are happening all over the world, not just in Poland."

Simon Banner

Maurizio Pollini

Royal Festival Hall

The 24 preludes and fugues of Bach's first *Well-Tempered Clavier* volume are old theatre of the mind, but Maurizio Pollini is not a musician to ignore or be ruffled by the ghosts of those who have passed this way: Mozart and Chopin, Beethoven, Debussy and Webern, perhaps even Boulez. One principle of his performance was variety: variety of colour, of rhythmic licence, most remarkably of speed, of warmth, of character.

Another, though, was steadyness: as each fugue gains and spends its power through the repetition of its theme, so the volume as a whole seemed integrated starting out from the calm radiance of the C major prelude to end with the massive, tortuous double wave of the B minor fugue. The complications of the finale were enhanced by Mr Pollini's telling emphasis of its harmonic severity, as well as by his treatment of the theme itself as a contrapuntal exercise.

This was one instance of his Weberian technique of pulling the music apart in order to make it fit together the more securely.

The preludes, in particular, showed a marvellous abundance of approaches, from extreme speed in the G major and others to a sarabande-style gravity in the C sharp minor; or from the wit of the B flat major to the sometimes stabbing attacks of the E flat minor; or from the daring pianissimo start of the G minor to the even march of the B minor.

The E minor prelude and fugue both had the high, halting rhythms Mr Pollini handles so well, while the A major pieces were mobilized throughout by an almost Mozartian jewelled loveliness and clarity of purpose.

All this was communicated, too, across the wide spaces of the Festival Hall with perfect ease. One heard Mr Pollini's soaring vocalizations as from a great distance, but what he was doing at the keyboard always had immediate presence, seriousness and life.

Paul Griffiths

Salvator

Lutheran Cathedral, Helsinki

A modest but real postscript to Stockhausen's *Donnerstag aus Licht* was offered in Helsinki this month with the first performance of Eero Erkkila's opera-oratorio *Salvator*. Like

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the Stockhausen work, this is a piece in three acts describing the holy messenger's preparation, his earthly function and his celestial recall. But Erkkila's vision differs from Stockhausen's in being securely grounded within the Christian tradition.

The Lutheran tradition is strong within Erkkila's work. The effect may be, at different moments, of *Messiah*, the St Matthew Passion or the B minor Mass seen in a distorting mirror, though there are times too when other works are invoked, notably the Verdi Requiem. It is, as this must suggest, all a bit of a mish-mash, a bit undisciplined, but possibly it needs to be so: more sophisticated style would not be able to embrace the Christian myth so fully.

This does not mean that the work is lacking in mystical conceits: it is, indeed, thrilled through with magic numbers. Erkkila's response is immediate and sincere. The middle act, written first, is a miniature telling of Christ's apprehension, crucifixion and resurrection, scored for voices with a string orchestra which bears much of the brunt of description. The outer acts, though, require a large professional orchestra to back their vigorous celestial imagery, leading at the end to a powerful affirmation to the

effulgent E major that had also concluded the central act.

The conditions of the first performance were not ideal, since the Lutheran cathedral in Helsinki is a dully echoing and cramped building, but enough was accomplished to prove that Erkkila is an excellent choir trainer as well as a dedicated composer.

Paul Griffiths

PRCO/Duczmal
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Stopping off in London after a whistle-stop American tour, the Polish Radio Chamber Orchestra disappointed only in its unoriginal choice of repertoire: a parade of the sort of string-orchestra favourites favoured by Test Match Special when rain stops play. The conductor, Agnieszka Duczmal, who founded the orchestra in 1968 (the players give the happy impression of having grown up together in the profession since their student days) programmed only one Polish piece: her own transcription of a deliciously poignant but all too brief Szymanowski piano study.

Still there was ample opportunity to enjoy this orchestra's greatest strength: its silky, supple and refined piano,

achieved by players who responded unanimously to their conductor's ambitious tempo fluctuations. That was immediately evident from Respighi's *Ancient Airs and Dances*, Suite No. 3, which, apart from some luxuriously spread cross-string chords, was given an understated reading.

The Poles' disciplined rapport also found an apt vehicle in Tchaikovsky's *Serenade for Strings*. The Waltz's middle strain cries out to be lingered over, but the larrying can rarely have been so sensuously achieved. If the fiddles' tone was fractionally too veiled and wispy at the Elégic's outset there was plenty of compensating bite and tonal brilliance in the Finale. With each semiquaver being bowed separately (even at a feverish tempo) the movement had a scurrying excitement throughout.

Some of the allegro passages earlier in the *Serenade* had sounded less lusty, but one can attribute that to the effects of intensive touring. Perhaps, too, it was jet-lag which accounted for the violinist Krzysztof Jakowicz's accident-filled opening to Bach's E major Concerto. His subtle variations in timbre during the slow movement suggested that he is usually a very good player.

Richard Morrison

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The Duner Boys (Channel 4) have all the marks of a television epic: the international settings, the attention to historical detail and the absorbing concern with production values. This particular was made in Australia, however, which meant that it had a somewhat exotic quality. Certainly its theme was original: based on doubt upon historical fact, it chronicled the deportation from England of German or Austrian Jews who were under suspicion as "enemy aliens". Calamity follows upon crisis when they learn that they are being shipped to Australia.

And in fact only an Australian film-maker (in this case Ben Lewis) could do proper justice to such a theme: it was instructive to see the British portrayed as authoritarian wimps or savage anti-Semites, for example, although it was perhaps straining credulity just a little to portray the Australians, in contrast, as the nicest possible people to be imprisoned by. The actors tried to be convincing, however, and despite certain odd mannerisms

they succeeded: Bob Hoskins did his now well-known impersonation of a Cockney, and Warren Mitchell was a satisfactory Austrian.

This was a lavish - not to say lush - production which managed to seem quite different from (and superior to) most of the American "mini-series" which have darkened the screen in recent years. There were occasional longwindednesses - I do not think it likely that the verb "pulled" had a sexual connotation even in the dark days of 1939 - and the Australian direction meant that all places in Europe looked approximately the same; but, if it was not the exact truth, it offered a pleasingly heightened version of it.

Peter Ackroyd

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Jolts from the blue for manufacturers

The House of Lords Select Committee on Overseas Trade had done a useful job in exposing the importance and stressing the implications of our swing into a manufacturing trade deficit long before it published the report of its inquiry yesterday. For television viewers to Lord Weinstock of GEC and Sir John Harvey-Jones of ICI testifying to the committee on the extent of recent deprivations and the need for a government-inspired initiative to reverse them must have jolted the complacent from Whitehall to Wimbledon, not to mention the industrial heartlands.

These are successful, unimpeachable management and enterprise heroes, not woolly-minded interventionists. Even the British Invisibles Exports Council accepts that investment income from abroad and the export of services can make up neither the lost exports nor the lost jobs.

The report itself certainly has the Messianic quality to stir minds into action. It was probably inevitable, however, that an all-party committee (even of independent-minded peers) would be far less successful at coming up with a coherent strategy to promote the manufacturing industry.

One problem is that the committee underestimates the interplay between North Sea oil and the manufacturing sector. North Sea oil made a rapid and dramatic impact on the balance of payments. To some extent, oil was bound to displace manufacturing (which carries more jobs) through the impact of a higher exchange rate on both imports and exports.

The extent depended on the speed of offsetting capital exports and the nation's ability and preparedness to step up to a higher rate of growth without running into an inflationary spiral. At the time the chances of that were negligible. Industry was much flabbier and less healthy than what remains today.

Moreover, the impact on manufacturing was made worse by the coincidence of the 1979 oil price rises, which made oil for a period the main determinant of currency movements, and the Government's anti-inflationary policies, which then concentrated on a money squeeze.

There is no reason to think this will unwind in quite such a dramatic and unhelpful fashion as the oil surplus peaks and tails off into deficit. There should be more time and more naturalness in the adjustment process which the manufacturing industry will gradually be able to exploit if it is in a position to do so.

The first priority, therefore, is for manufacturing industry to be stronger and more competitive, rather than be swollen by subsidy or trade restraints of the rather shady kind which the committee contemplates on the too-easy supposition that everyone else cheats. In that sense, the recommended drive to break down bad practices elsewhere, particularly in countries of the European Economic Community, is a much better investment for the future needs of British manufacturers.

Meanwhile, concern with manufacturing should not blind us to other growth possibilities. The committee rightly points to the need for greater stability of the currency, notably its parity with the mark. But it fails to draw the implication that promotion of economic activity not susceptible to currency fluctuations is likely to prove a safer bet in the short-term: internal tourism, construction and non-traded services.

That said, a national industrial policy on a West German or Japanese model, rather than Roy Hattersley's, would be no bad thing. Closer co-operation between manufacturing and retailing companies, the City and unions to identify where we need to grow new products and push through development at company level is far more feasible in the changed industrial atmosphere.

Pym lesson in how not to reform taxes

Francis Pym, the leader of Conservative Centre Forward, has been engaged in an intensive battle of letters and speeches with Nigel Lawson on economic policy.

So far on the reflate/non reflate debate, the Centre Forward has been effectively smothered by the defence. In a speech to the Manchester Statistical Society last night, Mr Pym changed course but stayed firmly within Mr Lawson's area of interest. He tackled the reform of the tax and benefit system.

Mr Pym identified 10 requirements for a reformed tax and benefit system, with which few would find fault. The list included the removal of poverty and unemployment traps, the prevention rather than just the alleviation of poverty, simple to understand, treating people as individuals, and so on. A reformed system should not penalize marriage and should attract support across the political spectrum, he added.

The system he sketched out looks, however, to be a doubtful way of achieving these requirements. On benefits, he proposes a basic income to be paid to all adults, irrespective of income; a supplement for each child, regardless of parental income; a housing allowance to replace rent support and mortgage interest relief; and additional allowances for disability, single parenthood and other special circumstances.

It reads like the welfare state gone mad - a land where even millionaires would receive a whole range of benefits from the Department of Health and Social Security. The tax side of the plan is little better, featuring the abolition of all personal allowances, income tax payable on all income except for basic benefit and revised and higher rates of taxation for everyone.

Mr Pym's plan is a good example of a selection of ideas which, while they may have their merits taken individually, combine to form an unwieldy and illogical whole. There is no case, within a reformed system, for increasing the likelihood, indeed the inevitability, that individuals will receive from the Government with one hand and give back with the other.

To be fair to Mr Pym, he has recognized some of the shortcomings in his plan and he is to be applauded for choosing to enter the debate on a subject which may not always grab the headlines. Even so, the next major contribution he promises - on rate reform - needs to be thought out rather better.

Channel tunnel deadline nears

The rivals to build a fixed link across the 22-mile stretch of water that divides Britain from France, have taken their marks. Their submissions have to be with the British and French governments by the end of the month. After that the two main Anglo-French contenders, Euroroute and Channel Tunnel Group, must wait until the decision is made towards the end of January, though discreet lobbying will no doubt continue.

There is already big money on the outcome. Euroroute, which plans a £6.6 billion rail and road link involving a series of bridges and islands linked by submerged steel tunnels, has spent £12 million putting its proposals together. Channel Tunnel Group, which proposes a £2.4 billion twin bore rail link, has spent £7 million.

Sir Nigel Brookes, chairman of Euroroute, yesterday revealed more details of his proposal along with the findings of a Mori poll showing strong public backing for a road link scheme. Euroroute has been canvassing leading institutions in the City and in Paris and by next week hopes to have enough firm commitments from them to finance the first stage of the project. The promise of £50 million to £100 million of what is being seen in the City as venture capital could prove crucial in closing the financial credibility gap some in Government see in Euroroute's more ambitious scheme.

According to revenue projections based on traffic flow forecasts prepared by Coopers & Lybrand, Euroroute will be earning £1.45 billion by the end of the century (allowing for inflation at six per cent a year). Operating expenses are projected at £115 million, leaving enough revenue to cover debt servicing payments on the scheme twice over. This would be an impressive performance for a utility operation of this type.

Coopers & Lybrand argues that the effect on revenue of a "price war" with the cross-Channel ferries would be minimal since the increased volume generated by lower prices would compensate. Many potential investors nevertheless still have doubts. A substantial shortfall in traffic projections of an over-run in construction costs would play havoc with Euroroute's economics.

Despite these concerns, Sir Nigel is unlikely to have much difficulty in financing the project if he gets the decision.

Of tel warns BT against a big rise in home phone charges

By Jeremy Warner, Business Correspondent

The Office of Telecommunications (Of tel) yesterday warned British Telecommunications to stand by undertakings it gave to limit increases in domestic telephone rental charges to no more than 2 per cent a year above the rate of inflation.

The warning marks a new turn for the worse in relations between the newly privatized national telephone network and its watchdog body after Of tel ruled on Monday that BT should allow the rival Mercury Communications to use its network.

BT had said it would need to increase domestic charges faster than it would like so that it could lower its charges to business to meet the competitive challenge posed by Mercury.

The implication of BT's

statement was that this could involve a rethink of its undertakings on domestic charges and its low user exchange line rental rebate scheme, though it said there was no immediate intention to do so.

Of tel said yesterday that it strongly disagreed with BT's suggestion that in the longer term the result of the ruling would mean it might have to increase its residential rental charges in a way that would breach the undertakings.

Professor Bryan Carsberg, the director general of telecommunications, said that any general price increase involving a breach of the undertakings would be subject to a searching examination by Of tel, and that he would not hesitate to use the legal powers available to him if he felt it appropriate.

He said that the costs of installing and maintaining a domestic telephone line had been taken into account fully in his ruling in the light of the voluntary undertakings that BT had given.

Sir George Jefferson, chairman of British Telecom, described Of tel's warning as an over-reaction, and repeated that the corporation had no immediate intention of reviewing the undertakings.

British Telecom has yet to rule out the possibility of mounting a legal challenge to Of tel's ruling, which has been seen in the City as extremely favourable to Mercury, the Cable and Wireless subsidiary licensed by the Government to challenge the BT monopoly.

British Telecom said it would

seek an explanation from Professor Carsberg of how he arrived at the arrangements in the ruling for charging Mercury for plugging into the BT network.

Relations between Of tel and British Telecom have soured steadily since the corporation went private last November. There was a sharp disagreement between the two this summer over plans by BT to buy in a Swedish alternative to the System X digital telephone exchange developed and produced in Britain.

Of tel was also instrumental in temporarily frustrating BT's plans to acquire Mitel, the Canadian telecommunications group, by having the bid referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

IN BRIEF

More loan rates cut

Barclays and Midland Banks are reducing their mortgage rates from 13.5 to 13 per cent after National Westminster cut its home loan rate on Monday. Barclay's new rate is effective for new and existing borrowers from today, while new Midland rate comes in on November 1. Lloyds Bank, which charges 13.5 per cent on repayment mortgages, is now the only large high street bank not to have cut the cost of its home loans.

Victory sealed

United Newspapers yesterday claimed control of Fleet Holdings when it announced that further purchases in the market had given it 56.8 per cent of Fleet's shares. Fleet fell 11p to 365p.

ICI disposal

Imperial Chemical Industries, has sold ICI-Print Foils for \$8.4 million (\$5.9 million) to Associated Paper Industries, of Macclesfield. ICI-Print was part of Beacore Chemical, which ICI acquired for \$750 million last December.

Tyne Tees fall

Tyne Tees Television Holdings had a drop in pretax profits for the nine months to June 30 to £1.3 million from £2.3 million. The interim dividend is maintained at 3p.

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Peachey growth

Peachey Property Corporation made pretax profits of £10.29 million in the year to June 24, up from £8.3 million the previous year. Earnings per share are 21.7p (15.5p) and the year's dividend is 8p (7p).

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Robin Kershaw

In some editions yesterday we wrongly stated that penalties for misconduct had been imposed by the Council of Lloyd's against Mr Robin Kershaw and Mr Stuart Campbell. The two men found guilty of misconduct were Mr Robin Kershaw, who is a director of Gannell Kershaw & Co, a Lloyd's managing agent, and who is not in any way the subject of disciplinary inquiries or proceedings at Lloyd's.

Opec president to meet Walker

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) is likely to begin consultations with non-member oil producing countries next week with an informal meeting between its president, Dr Subroto, and Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy.

Dr Subroto, the Indonesian oil minister, who has chaired Opec's crisis meetings for four years, is to speak at an oil industry seminar, in London next week.

No formal request has been made for a meeting between Opec and the Department of Energy, but Dr Subroto has said that discussions between Opec and non-Opec countries should start shortly and be kept as informal as possible.

The department of Energy's



Dr Subroto: informal talks next week

position is that the Energy Secretary is always available to meet energy ministers from other oil producing nations and that Dr Subroto would be welcome.

When Opec ministers met in Vienna two weeks ago they decided that Opec should consider talks on world oil demand with the non-member producers, particularly Britain and Norway, Mexico, Egypt and Malaysia already follow Opec policy without being members.

Any meeting between Opec and the Department of Energy next week would coincide with the resurgence of output from the North Sea after a summer of lower production because of maintenance shutdowns.

Yesterday, Dr Subroto said that non-Opec producers are benefiting in the short-term from falling prices by increasing output, but are bringing forward the day when existing reserves will be depleted and discoveries will be too expensive to develop.

Industrial output unchanged

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Industrial output in Britain is flat, according to official figures released yesterday. Although output of the production industries rose 0.5 per cent, in August, and manufacturing output jumped by 1.5 per cent, in both cases the trend for the latest three months is for broadly unchanged output.

The 1.5 per cent rise in manufacturing output in August only partly reversed the 2.5 per cent drop recorded in July. In the June-August period, manufacturing output was down by 0.2 per cent on the previous three months. The index of

Industrial Production		
	Production	Manufacturing
	1980=100	
1984 Q1	104.4	99.7
Q2	102.3	100.3
Q3	102.4	101.3
Q4	103.5	101.2
1985 Q1	106.0	102.7
Q2	108.0	103.1
July	106.3	101.4
August	106.8	102.9

Source: Central Statistical Office

manufacturing output in August was a modest 1.3 per cent up on a year earlier.

The manufacturing figures support CBI evidence on the effect of the exchange rate on exports. Output appears to have flattened out since the spring.

The overall industrial production series for the economy, which rose 0.5 per cent in August, is heavily influenced by energy production.

The summer shutdown in certain North Sea oil platforms for maintenance pushed overall production down. Output of the production industries in the June-August period was 0.7 per cent down on the previous three months.

Coal output has recovered slowly from the strike and in August was around 88 per cent of pre-strike levels. Taking oil and coal effects together, production industries' output is generally reckoned to have been flat over the summer.

Elders delays bid decision

By Patience Wheatcroft

Elders IXL says that it will announce on Monday whether it will bid for Allied-Lyons. The Australians company has persuaded the Takeover Panel that there are "exceptional circumstances" which justify it being allowed a few extra days beyond the six weeks that the panel originally stipulated.

Elders is believed to be finding it difficult to put

together the consortium bid it had planned now that Imperial Group has decided against participating.

Allied's share price has fallen from its 295p high and closed last night at 270p. There is speculation in the market that Elders may make a 250p-a-share bid on Monday just to buy time so it can continue to work on forming a consortium.

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Big boost for Hanson bid

From Mike Graham, New York

Paine Webber, the US securities house, provided new twist to the Hanson-SCM fight yesterday when it filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission declaring that it held 5 per cent of SCM's stock worth about \$14 million (£9.9 million).

In the filing, Paine Webber said that if it received less than \$75 in cash for its shares, the current Hanson offer, it would reserve the right to be a dissenter and would ask a court to look into the true value of the shares.

The move considerably raised Hanson's chances of gaining control of SCM and substantially reduced SCM's chances of getting away with a leveraged buyout scheme involving Merrill Lynch.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS		MAIN PRICE CHANGES		CURRENCIES	
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FT All Share	643.0 (-0.71)	Telefun	44p +8p	\$: \$1.4135 (-0.0002)	
FT Govt Securities	84.20 (+0.04)	Channel Tunnel	300p +20p	\$: DM3.7617 (+0.0025)	
FT-SE 100	1320.8 (-0.4)	Cooper Inds.	22p +2.50p	\$: SwFr3.0888 (+0.0045)	
Datagram USM	105.75 (-0.71)	Cable (GB)	20p +2p	\$: FFfr1.4658 (+0.0050)	
New York		Transworld Group	10.50p +1p	\$: Yen 304.58 (+0.09)	
Dow Jones	1349.23 (-5.48)	Brook St. Bureau	170p +18p	\$: Index 80.3 (+0.1)	
Tokyo		Paterson, Zoch, "A"	173p +15p	New York:	
Nikkei Dow	13,055.52 (+38.23)	Clarke (Glenam)	125p +10p	\$: \$1.4135	
Hong Kong	1602.89 (+8.54)	Paterson (Jewel)	117p +9p	\$: DM2.8815	
Hang Seng	214.4 (+2.0)	Britannia Arrow	123p +8p	\$: Index 131.4 (+0.2)	
Amsterdam	1030.7 (-5.7)	Pict Petroleum	88p +6p	ECU 50.587651	
Sydney AO		Marlhead	43p +3p	ECU 70.752472	
Frankfurt		Caledonia Invs.	293p +20p		
Commerzbank	1639.6 (+12.9)	Stoddard Hds.	15p +1p		
Brussels:		Midland Marts	75p +5p		
General	651.64 (+8.99)	Hestair	122p +8p		
Paris: CAC	211.5 (+2.2)	Wagon Finance	90p +5p		
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WALL STREET

Dow breaks new ground

New York (Agencies) - The stock market pushed into record territory in late morning trading yesterday as a strong rally continued for the third day.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up five points, passing its record closing high of 1,360 after the first 90 minutes. Later at one stage it was down 4.93 to 1,349.8.

Advancing shares led declining issues by a seven-four margin on a turnover of 42.79 million shares.

The New York Stock Exchange index was up 0.34 to 107.98 at one stage and the price of an average share was up 11 cents. Advancing issues led declining shares 781-421 among the 1,674 issues traded.

Pan American Corporation led the active for the second day, up 1/2 to 8 1/2. PanAm's rise has been fuelled by speculation that Resorts International might increase its stake. NCR Corp was up 1/4 to 35.

IBM was up 1/4 to 128 1/2. Cleveland Electric Illuminating was up 1/4 to 23 1/2.

The US trade deficit is not likely to improve substantially unless the dollar declines by an additional 10 per cent to 20 per cent against the mark and other leading currencies, according to the US Special Trade Representative, Mr Clayton Yeutter.

CANADIAN PRICES

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COMMODITIES

The day of the London Metal gloom. Aluminum traded below \$1,000 a tonne liveliest on the trading floor. Nor were the softs better. A business was not helped Food and Agriculture Organisation yesterday by further market action report that raw sugar

COMMODITY	Oct 14	Oct 11
Aluminum	980.00	980.00
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output will fall by 2.5 per cent in the 1985/86 season to 97.8 million tonnes did little to encourage the market. Coffee and cocoa saw little action.

The stalemated in currency points lower against the dollar, markets continued yesterday. It was the same on the making for extremely quiet and featureless trading.

Dealers said there was finally managed to reverse underlying optimism about the US economy, but the dollar was still responding because of the constant threat of central 3.7592 to 3.7617.

The effective exchange-rate bank intervention. Sterling spent virtually all of index remained at the overnight the session within bounds of 80.2 until the last couple of 1.4115 and 1.4140, closing two hours when it edged up to 80.3.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Lucas Industries strong on talk of a consortium bid

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

Talk around the market late yesterday was of a consortium bid for Lucas Industries, with the buyers willing to pay up to 600p a share.

Though the price sounds inflated putting the aerospace and motors components group on an historic p/e of about 33, there are plenty of City men who reckon Lucas is about to go. The shares have been trading at a high for several months now, with punters doing their best to spot the predator.

At the same time, the group has gone from strength to strength, its aerospace business doing especially well this year. The vehicle side is also buoyant, and Lucas has been restructuring of the troublesome electricals division in hand.

City profit forecasts suggest earnings per share could double in the present year, bringing the prospective p/e on that rounded 600p offer price down to about 17, a more reasonable price to pay, perhaps, for a high quality business such as Lucas. The suggested bid price would value the group at £581 million.

The Lucas share price showed plenty of volatility yesterday. Early on it was marked down to 405p - having

Quilter Goodson, the broker, did some good for two companies in the electricals and engineering sectors yesterday. Its buy recommendations helped UEL shares to rise 7p to 213p and left RHP Group 1p better at 102p.

started at 413p - but strong buying was soon felt. At the official close of business it stood at 415p, but in late trade it was up to 420p and rising.

As ever, market men reckoned American buyers were picking up stock, though possible bidders for Lucas could also come from closer to home. Motor manufacturers around the world are concerned to secure components supplies with good electronics development and production capacity.

In America Ford Motor Company and General Motors have both made such acquisitions recently, and in Europe only this week Daimler-Benz took a majority stake in AEG. Other European car makers must have the same idea in mind, said Lucas, a "fancied target".

Indeed, European producers are probably feeling their own keen on finding their own source of electricals and gadgetry since their relationship with Bosch - the number one electronics supplier in Europe - is, apparently, worsening, with Bosch taking full advantage of its prestige.

Another intriguing suggestion was the Lloyd Bank had sold all - or part - of its 21 per cent shareholding in the Royal Bank of Scotland.

Lloyds said: "We do not comment on market rumours".

L. Messel & Co., the broker, is expecting some dramatic profit progress at Pleasurama, the amusement machines, casino and hotel group. It expects a £37 million out-turn this year against £25.3 million. For next year, it has pencilled in £45 million for the existing group. However, it points out, that Pleasurama is "fast moving and acquisitions could arise at any time". The shares rose 2p to 300p.

The Bank did, however, agree to reduce its RBS shareholding to 16.4 per cent within a "reasonable period" when faced with the threat of a Monopolies Commission probe in January last year.

But market speculators were unsure whether Lloyds had decided that a "reasonable period" had at last elapsed or if the bank had grown tired of its RBS involvement and sold all its shares.

Standard Chartered and the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation were rumoured as the most likely buyers. But the two banks, which did at one time nurse take over ambitions towards the RBS, denied they had acquired the Lloyds interest.

The hope that the banking sector could provide the next round of bid action sent shares of RBS, the fifth largest bank in the country, up 16p to 290p at the close. They closed at 288p. Lloyds rose 8p to 428p; Hongkong and Shanghai 5p to 65p and Standard Chartered 2p to 449p.

After three days of progress, the market finally ran out of steam. The FT 30 share index found peak topping far too strength sapping and closed 4.9

points down at 1,320.9 points. The 100 strong FT-SE share index, which has tended to lag behind its much more narrow but more famous rival measure, closed only 0.3 points down at 1,320.9 points - its best level of the day.

Trading was moderately active although the market tended to be featureless with many blue chips moving within narrow ranges. An element of profit taking after recent sharp gains was also evident.

Telefusion gained 8p to 44p on the bid from Electronics

surged 16p to 170p as the company disclosed that it had received another takeover approach. Hestair, one of the possible bidders for Brook Street Bureau, advanced 8p to 122p following an investment seminar. Hopes that further expansion is near lifted Williams Holdings, the specialist engineers, 18p to 378p.

English China Clays came in for another speculative run with takeover hopes pushing the shares 7p higher to 262p. Howard Group, the insurance business, gained 5p to 185p as it disclosed details of its expansion into property broking in the United States.

The company, which is the holding company for two Lloyds's reinsurance brokers, came to the market at 129p a share in April. Profit-taking rules the engineering pitches. British Aerospace was trimmed down 9p to 451p, and Westland, which is sharing in the boom for aircraft industry orders, dropped 5p to 88p. Delta Group slipped 3p to 154p. Dowty Group was down 1p to 211p and Hawker Siddeley lost 10p to 381p.

Farnell Electronics continued its upward movement following this week's interim results and the marketability of shares in Thomas Jourdan - the holding company - could soon be helped. The group plans to cancel the cross shareholdings between itself and Mary Quant Holdings. MQH now has 20 per cent - roughly 1.2 million shares - of Jourdan and the latter, 44.5 per cent of MQH.

Either Jourdan will cancel these shares or pass them through the market. Jourdan stood at 128p yesterday, alongside news of the £1.25 million acquisition of Lion Group, a brushes and beauty products company.

Those in the international community who called for economic sanctions, disinvestment and trade embargoes to try to end apartheid "fail to recognize that these would fundamentally impair and destroy the possibilities of economic recovery and growth in South Africa".

Sir James said the process of wealth creation, in which domestic and foreign companies played crucial parts, and the continued international trading links formed an effective and liberal influence in South Africa.

easy completed vendor placing. The shares gained 6p to 175p.

Other electricals shares were less happy, with CASE Group down 5p to 109p. Ferrand down 4p to 118p. Plessey down 2p to 134p and STC 4p lower at 74p. Apricot Computers was also still on a downward trend, falling another 3p to 59p.

Takeover talk lifted the price of London & Edinburgh Trust, the property group. The price jumped 22p to a new peak of 400p.

CBI urges Thatcher to avoid sanctions

By Edward Townsend
Industrial Correspondent

Sir James Clesminson, president of the Confederation of British Industry, yesterday called on the Prime Minister not to give in to pressure from Commonwealth leaders to impose sanctions against South Africa.

Speaking in Capetown 24 hours before the start today of the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in Nassau, Sir James said: "We feel that she will remain firm in our shared conviction that such a policy of pursuing economic sanctions is unworkable and counter-productive."

The company said then that current prospects were poor and at that stage dropped its interim dividend. The intervening three months and the steadily improving trading climate have clearly encouraged the management. The 3p interim dividend has been restored and TTV now talks of an encouraging outlook for the remainder of the year and for 1986.

The figures still make pretty dismal reading but are not as bad as expected. Pretax profits are down from £2.3 million to £1.3 million on a turnover of £279,000. However, the cost structure has been improved through staff reductions and the introduction of tighter management control.

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More important, the company has been able to reinstate some programmes which were cut as part of its efficiency drive.

TTV is now benefiting from the industry-wide pick up in advertising revenue. It has held its market share steady at around 4.5 per cent, which is a reasonable achievement since the company has been working with an entirely new sales team since January 1.

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Immediate interest in TTV will centre on the attitude of the IBA to the takeover moves which affect its large shareholders. United Newspapers has 10 per cent but will inherit a 20 per cent stake in TV-AM, and a potential conflict, courtesy of Fleet Holdings. Electronic Rentals will take over Television's 10 per cent stake following yesterday's bid, and

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Any news on these fronts can only generate further interest in TTV. Its fortunes are already on the up and the non-voting shares, up 5p to 128p, are moving further away from their low for the year. The current year's problems are well discounted and the present price does not take account of the £700,000 profits boost that TTV could get when its Channel 4 subscription is revised next year.

The acquisition was financed by a £13.6 million vendor placing, the remaining £14.6 million coming from Peasey's own resources. Borrowings are now £29.7 million net. These have been partly offset by the £9.25 million proceeds from the sale of the Churchill Hotel in London. Rising investment income, at £5.59 million, resulting from the company's transformation from a trading to an investment company is another offset. There may be a re-financing when the time is right.

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TEMPUS

Tyne Tees TV puts out brighter trading picture

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accounts for a mere 3 per cent of the portfolio.

Peasey is looking for more property portfolios to improve its investment portfolio and maintain asset value growth and dividends. It is not seeking to buy property companies (too expensive).

Overseas traders have tried hard in recent years to improve their image in the stock market. Their efforts will not have been helped by yesterday's results from Harrison & Crossfield, who saw interim profits fall from £39.2 million to £30.1 million.

The principal reason for the disappointing results is the present low level of commodity prices. The value of palm oil, for example has nearly halved in the last six months.

While plantation profits are bound to fluctuate, they are becoming less important to the group. Chemicals, timber, taken together are already large. And the inclusion of Paula, an animal feeds producer, will change the balance still further.

Unfortunately, Paula is suffering from low prices from farmers.

Paula barely covered its financing costs in the first half and could well give rise to earnings dilution for the year. This prospect has held the share price back, so that the shares now trade on only nine times prospective earnings at 328p, assuming profits reach £73 million so far this year.

That rating may look modest but it is positively overflowing by comparison with that accorded to Paterson Zochonis, who reported profits of £38.6 million for the year to May, up from £30.9 million. At 168p its shares are trading on only 3.5 times earnings.

Paterson's profits record is not especially uneven but its inherent risk is the extent of its Nigerian interests.

Even that risk is discounted by the low share price. The market capitalization of £75 million is supported by £48 million net cash.

Sentiment is a powerful factor and it operates against both Harrison & Crossfield and Paterson Zochonis. But Harrison's yield of 8.7 per cent and Paterson's cash surely merit a second look.

Inclement weather exacerbated the downturn in building activity, which was evident in the second half of 1984 and which had been caused mainly by lack of confidence owing to increases in interest and mortgage rates and reductions in Government grants. Lower off-take, thinner margins and poorer profits resulted. To effect major economies, some operational restructuring was implemented from which the benefit is already being reflected in current profits. Our timber business in Australia made a useful contribution.

Extremely competitive conditions, especially for pig and poultry feeds, hampered growth in Paula's Agriculture, but recently there has been some improvement in the market and profitability has been restored in the pig business. Paula's Malt produced better profits than the previous year and Paula's Flavours and Fragrances maintained its market position. Seasonal factors and the acquisition of Felton International will more than compensate for difficulties in the UK grain harvest to provide a more satisfactory profit in the remaining half of the year.

The general trading and commodity operations were well maintained with profits close to those of last year. The outlook is similar.

Interim Dividend 4.5p per Ordinary share

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Earnings for Ordinary shareholders	16.5	21.3	47.2
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Results and Prospects

Profits suffered a set-back in two divisions, namely Plantations and Timber & Building Supplies.

The high standards of field management and operational performance could not, unfortunately, off-set the significant fall in market prices of palm oil products and rubber, both of which suffered from international factors including currency fluctuations. Profits, therefore, were substantially below the exceptional levels of last year. Crops for the balance of the year will be materially ahead of those for the first six months, but regrettably, there is as yet little evidence of sizeable improvements in commodity prices, although there has been some uplift from the low rates applicable to earlier months.

Results from our chemical manufacturing businesses which again advanced were supported by good profits from chemical distribution in the UK and Australia and this trend continues. In North America exchange rates favoured imports and, in consequence, distribution margins suffered; some realignment of management and of operational areas is in hand to improve performance and to take advantage of the trend towards a better trading environment. Although heavy development costs are being incurred on new branches in the USA, overall results from our Linatex business are ahead of last year.

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Chemicals and Industrial	11.7	10.1	16.0
Timber and Building Supplies	3.0	6.2	11.0
Paula (Note 1)	1.7	—	—
General Trading	4.1	4.2	7.9
Finance	3.7	3.7	8.6
Property disposals	0.5	0.3	4.4
Group profit before interest and taxation	38.1	45.4	97.3

NOTES:

1. The offer for Paula plc was declared unconditional on 2nd April 1985 and the Paula results have been included from that date.
2. The six months figures are unaudited. The figures for the year ended 31st December 1984 are an extract from the full accounts for that year which have been filed with the Registrar of Companies and on which the auditors gave an unqualified opinion.

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Hongkong Land to raise £91m

By Judith Hantley
Commercial Property Correspondent

Hongkong Land, the Crown Colony's largest property company, is to raise HK\$1 billion (£91 million) in one of the biggest borrowings on the local capital market this year. Part of the money will be used to pay off more expensive borrowing arranged previously.

Hongkong Land is the latest borrower to take advantage of the increasingly attractive terms offered in the local capital market, where banks are competing for a scarce amount of business.

Hongkong Land will raise its funds through an issue of commercial paper, a form of short term IOU. The facility, which lasts for three or four years, is being arranged by Standard Chartered Asia and Wardley.

The company made a small profit last year after two years of losses and its debt mountain has reached its limit.

Italian wins Nobel economics prize

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The Nobel prize for economics is to be awarded to Professor Franco Modigliani of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, it was announced in Stockholm yesterday.

Prof Modigliani, aged 67, will receive the £161,000 prize at a ceremony in December. The Swedish Academy, in its citation, said that the award was in recognition of his work on "the construction and development of the life cycle hypothesis of household saving and the formulation of the Modigliani-Miller theorems of the value of firms and of capital costs".

The Rome-born economist is the 23rd winner of the Nobel prize for economics, first awarded in 1969. The prize has been jointly awarded six times.

Prof Modigliani moved from Italy to the United States during the Second World War and has taught at MIT, near Boston, since 1962.

The life-cycle hypothesis developed jointly by Modigliani and Brumberg in the early fifties

was one of a number of attempts to explain savings and there by consumption behaviour within a Keynesian framework.

In essence, the Modigliani-Brumberg approach postulated that the motive for savings is to provide for consumption in retirement, and is thus affected by expected life-span as well as current income.

In 1958, in collaboration with Prof M. Miller, Prof Modigliani published *The Cost of Capital, Corporation Finance and the Theory of Investment*. This is still regarded as the seminal work on the economic analysis of financial decision-making for corporations.

Modigliani and Miller's book set up the method of the analysis of the valuation of a firm as determined by the size and term-structure of its debts. It established a theoretical basis for investment decisions.

Prof Modigliani is the first Italian winner of the Nobel prize for economics.

Accountants seek sterner controls

By Ian Griffiths

The Accounting Standards Committee is to collate information on corporate compliance with accounting rules and company law. The evidence may then be used to press the Government to improve enforcement of accounting standards by giving them statutory backing.

The ASC will begin an intensive monitoring campaign of company accounts next week and the results of the survey should be available in time for its meeting with the Department of Trade and Industry this month. The question of state backing for accounting is likely to be raised since there is a growing belief that present enforcement powers are inadequate.

The accountancy profession has traditionally resisted any overt interference from the Government on the grounds that this would prejudice its standing as self-regulatory. However, there have been powerful arguments that statutory backing for standards would not conflict with self-regulation.

In particular, the ASC is seeking statutory support for an inflation accounting standard. Previous efforts have failed to gain acceptance. However, the Government is still keen to see the ASC produce a workable solution to the problem.

Theft insurance claims still outpace inflation

By Richard Thomson

The cost of insurance claims for theft is still rising faster than the rate of inflation, with insurance companies paying out nearly £1 million each day, the Association of British Insurers said yesterday. The cost of theft claims is now three times higher than five years ago.

Theft claims in the first six months of this year cost a total of £166.5 million, 7 per cent more than in the same period last year. In inner city areas theft is now the largest item in insurance company claims costs, the ABI said.

The number of theft claims has not risen in comparison with the first half of 1984, but the average cost of each claim has.

Insurers attribute the increase to more households having high-value goods such as video recorders and television sets, which are easy to steal.

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COMPANY NEWS

ERG to buy Telefusion for £23m

Electronic Rentals Group, the Visionhire TV and video rental company, yesterday announced a £23 million agreed bid for Telefusion.

Telefusion has about 200 rental and retailing outlets in Britain and ERG said that its acquisition would produce big savings on rental and servicing costs.

ERG is offering six of its shares plus 99p in cash for every seven Telefusion shares. Here is also a cash alternative of 45p a share. On the stock market, Telefusion shares climbed 10p to 46p.

ERG has already received undertakings to accept the bid from Telefusion shareholders representing more than 50 per cent of the company's shares. The acquisition will bring with it more than a quarter of a million new rental contracts, although ERG will remain third largest in the TV rental business behind Thorn EMI and Granada.

ERG estimated that its pretax profits for the half year to the end of last month would be £7.7 million and declared its interim dividend of 1.667p.

In brief

● **HILLSDOWN HOLDINGS:** A subsidiary - to be known as Farm Kitchen Foods - has acquired from Eastern Counties Farmers, the fixed assets of the St Edmunds bacon factory at Elmwell, Suffolk, for £2.4 million and the trading stock of the business at valuation.

● **AUSTWHIM RESOURCES:** A new Australian company, with two gold deposits having combined reserves of 2.08 million tonnes and expected to produce in excess of 31,000 ounces of gold a year for a minimum of seven years, is raising Aus\$17.5 million (about £9 million) through an underwritten share offer. A total of 35 million ordinary shares of 50 cents each are to be issued at par in Australia, New Zealand, Britain and Ireland.

● **IMPERIAL GROUP:** In a circular giving details of the sale of Howard Johnson, the board says that, on completion, Imperial will consist of three highly profitable divisions - tobacco, brewing and leisure and food. Imperial's financial position is also extremely healthy, enabling it to fund sizeable capital expenditure programmes, largely from internal sources. The strong balance sheet and high interest cover gives it considerable borrowing capacity. The immediate impact of the sale on the group's current rate of profit is difficult to forecast but Imperial Group's pretax profit should benefit by about £13 million in a full year.

● **TIPPOCK:** The company has acquired Grampian Containers for £1.39 million cash. Grampian was 75 per cent owned by Moores of Carnforth, the remaining 25 per cent having been held by the families of Grampian and their families. This is part of Tipnock's long-term strategy of achieving a leading position in all aspects of container rental.

● **BURNS-ANDERSON:** Acceptances have been received in respect of 3,397,260 new ordinary shares (90.5 per cent of the 3,751,304 new ordinary shares offered by way of rights). The new ordinary shares not taken up have been sold at a premium.

● **BET:** The Argus Press Group will merge two of its five divisions under a single management team to bring all the magazines sold through the News Trade into one group.

● **QUOTRON SYSTEMS:** The net income during the three months to the end of September 1985 (£23.23 million) 13 cents per share (£6.425 million 19c). Revenues amounted to \$52,921 million (\$47,921 million). For the first nine months of 1985, net income fell from \$302 million to \$16.02 million.

● **LOW & BONAR:** The company is close to a deal to purchase Don & Low (Packaging), from Don Brothers, Bursi. The consideration for the shares will be about £150,000 to £200,000 cash.

● **HONDA MOTOR CO:** An interim dividend of yen 6.00 (5.50) is declared for the six months to August 31. Payment to begin on November 11. With figures in yen million sales amounted to 1,055,943 (950,051). The figures are related solely to Honda Motor Company and are not consolidated with those of its subsidiaries. Latest sales are equivalent to about £3,462 million.

● **HAMPTON TRUST:** The company has entered into an agreement with Barclay Merchant Bank under which the bank will subscribe or procure subscribers for an issue by Hampton of £10 million nominal first mortgage debenture stock 2025. The stock is payable in full on acceptance and dealings are expected to start tomorrow.

● **HOWARD GROUP:** The company and Anthony Pym & Co will secure the services of two specialists in the US property broking field. The arrangement provides for an immediate payment of £49,980 by the company to acquire new shares in a new company, People Cross & Barnard, increasing the group's interest in PCB to 51 per cent.

● **THOMAS JOURNAN:** The company has entered into a conditional agreement to buy both Lion Brush Works and Fashion Girl (The Lion Group) for £1.25 million cash. Jourdan's trading continues to reflect the buoyant pattern referred to in the interim report and directors forecast that pretax profits of the existing Jourdan Group (excluding The Lion Group) for 1985 (both before and after exceptional items) will be not less than £1.1 million.

● **SYNAPSE COMPUTER SERVICES:** For the year to July 31, with figures in £000, turnover was 2,139 (1,264), while the pretax profit was £111 (106.6). Earnings per share, 8.26p (1.9p). A final dividend

of 0.75p (nil) is being paid, making a total of 0.75p (nil).

● **UNITED CERAMIC DISTRIBUTORS:** For the half-year to June 30, with figures in £000, turnover was 3,727 (3,272), while the pretax profit was 116 (98). Earnings per share were 3.1p (2.1p). An interim dividend of 1p (1p) is being paid on Dec 16.

● **SOVEREIGN OIL & GAS:** For the half-year to June 30, with figures in £000, turnover was 32,982.5 (21,413.1), while the pretax profit was 8,594.4 (7,661.2). Earnings per share were 11.09p (12.5p, adjusted). An interim dividend of 1p (1p) is being paid on Nov 21, a 29 per cent rise on the interim dividend at the time of the flotation.

● **PSM INTERNATIONAL:** For the half-year to June 30, with figures in £000, turnover was 24,602 (19,789), while the pretax profit was 658 (75). Earnings per share were 1.33p (0.15p). An interim dividend of 0.5p (0.25p) is being paid on Nov 21, a 29 per cent rise on the interim dividend at the time of the flotation.

● **ALEXANDER WORKWEAR:** For the 28 weeks to Aug 10, with figures in £000, turnover was 13,744 (11,135), while the pretax profit was 1,510 (955). Earnings per share were 1.51p (0.95p). A final dividend of 0.99p (0.7p) is being paid on Nov 29, making a total of 1.65p (1.1p). The dividend of 1.65p is equivalent to an annualised total of 1.32p.

● **WALTER LAWRENCE:** For the half-year to June 30, with figures in £000, turnover was 55,166 (55,341), while the pretax profit was 803 (875). Earnings per share 3.7p (4.5p). An interim dividend of 1p (1p) is being paid on Jan 2.

● **EDINBURGH INVESTMENT TRUST:** For the half-year to Sept 30, with figures in £000, gross income was 12,980 (9,974), while the pretax profit was 7,773 (6,114). Earnings per share were 1.82p (1.44p). An interim dividend of 1.3p (1.1p) is being paid on Dec 3. The board recommends a total dividend of not less than 3.25p (2.85p last time).

● **PIC PETROLEUM:** For the eight months to June 30, compared with the previous year with figures in £000, turnover was 2,443 (1,468), while the pretax profit was 621 (823) loss. Earnings per share, 7.3p (11.6p) loss. No dividend is being paid (same).

● **NOLTON:** For the year to July 31, compared with the previous 15 months, with figures in £000, turnover was 11,979 (8,218), while the pretax profit was 741 (404). Earnings per share, adjusted, 7.21p (4.9p). A final dividend of 0.424p (0.775p) is being paid, making a total of 0.9p, adjusted (1.37p). The dividend paid for the previous 15 months was paid on the capital before the two-for-one rights issue.

● **MERCHANTS WAREHOUSING:** For the year to June 29, with figures in Irish £000, revenue was

13,327 (3,032), while the pretax profit was 295 (222). Earnings per share, 3.18p (3.33p). A final dividend of 0.9p (1.2p) is being paid, making a total of 1.8p (1.5p).

● **ACCESS SATELLITE INTERNATIONAL:** The company, a manufacturer and supplier of work platforms for the construction industry, has set up a joint venture company, Access Satellite International Pty, with a 50 per cent stake in Access Satellite International Pty, for Aus \$1.15 million (£575,000). The remaining 50 per cent will continue to be held by Access Satellite International.

● **BRITISH SYMPHONY:** The company has purchased Delta Paper Sales, a paper merchant based in Essex, which will become part of the company's merchandising division. Present turnover is about £3 million a year.

● **LONDON AND CONTINENTAL ADVERTISING:** As the directors are considering methods of reducing or eliminating the goodwill in the balance sheet, they have decided to write off the goodwill arising on consolidation against its reserves, so there will be no impact on future profit and loss accounts. The most substantial reserve is the share premium account - which is £12,650 million - which shareholders will be asked to cancel.

● **RECKITT & COLMAN:** Sutton Seeds of Torquay has acquired from Reckitt & Colman the capital of Horticultural & Botanical (Holdings), which is the parent company of Carter's Teas and Scott's Samuel Dobbie & Son and R. G. Cuthbert.

● **CHARLIE BROWN CAR PART CENTRES:** For the year to July 31, with figures in £000, turnover was 15,257 (11,713), while the pretax profit was 608 (210). Earnings per share 3.08p (4.12p). A final dividend of 1p (-) is being paid on November 7, making a total of 1p (-).

● **INDUSTRIAL PRECISION CASTINGS:** For the year to April 27, with figures in £000, turnover was 3,660 (3,596), while the pretax profit was 335 (274). Earnings per share 3.81p (3.65p). A total dividend of 2.06p (1.86p) is being paid.

● **HAMMERSON UK PROPERTIES:** For the half-year to June 30, with figures in £000, gross rental income was 17,021 (12,392), while the pretax profit was 3,382 (1,031). Earnings per share were 9.52p (2.09p). The company is a subsidiary of Hammons Property Investment.

Japanese lead US in research spending

By Simon Scott Plummer

The top Japanese companies are now spending more than their United States counterparts on research and development, according to a leading American commentator on Japanese business.

Professor James Abegglen, professor of international business at Sophia University in Tokyo, said the latest figures, for 1983-84, showed that the top 25 to 30 Japanese corporations devoted on average 5 per cent of the value of sales to research and development, compared with 3.5 per cent in the US.

The level for NEC, the electronics company, was between 10 and 12 per cent, and Canon was not far behind, he added.

Professor Abegglen, who was addressing the Society for Strategic and Long Range Planning in London last week, said the emphasis on research dated from the mid to late 1970s, the first oil crisis had convinced Japanese companies of the long-term need for independence in research and development.

Over the past 30 years Japan had had a competitive edge over its rivals, first through economies of scale and finally through manufacturing methods. Professor Abegglen said. Between now and the end of the century it would enjoy an increasing technological advantage.

However, in reply to a question from *The Times*, he said that Japanese companies, as relative newcomers to research, were unlikely to have substantial research and development facilities overseas by the turn of the century.

Western companies should keep track of technical advances in Japan and, where appropriate, buy licences, as the Japanese had done previously from the West, Professor Abegglen said.

APPOINTMENTS

New director at Telecom

British Telecommunications: Mr David Scholey has been made a non-executive director.

The British Petroleum Company: Mr Rhys Llewellyn becomes managing director of Kaldair.

PIRA: Mr Brian Blunden has been appointed managing director from January 1.

Good Relations City: Mr Michael Baws has been made a director.

Crosfield Chemicals: Mr M. J. Cowan becomes chairman. Ocean Transport & Trading: Mr Nicholas Barber has been named group managing director from January 1.

Hunting Engineering: Sir Ronald Mason has been appointed deputy chairman. Alexander & Alexander Services: Mr Ronald Lees has been elected to the board.

The Institute of Export: Mr John Wilson succeeds Mr David Boyes as director-general. County Bank: Mr Neil Stapley has been made a director of County Securities.

Darlington & Simpson Rolling Mills: Mr Derrick Hale has been appointed commercial group director.

Alexander Duckham & Co: Mr Charles Hogbin has become managing director.

The Credit Insurance Association: Mr Peter Pears has been made a director.

KMG Worldwide: Mr Paul Boschma becomes chairman. Mr John Gath becomes chairman of Region 1 (Europe, Africa and the Middle East).

A. T. Kearney: Mr Tom Bevington has been appointed European vice-president.

Breders Projects: Mr P. C. Radcock and Mr G. A. Setton have joined the board.

Cannon Assurance: Mr Stephen Meldrum and Mrs Carolyn Nightingale have been appointed directors. Mr Sid King becomes director of sales.

East Midlands Electricity Board: Mr Dan Cowe becomes deputy chairman from next month.



Brian Blunden

Inner City Enterprises: Mr Charles Brocklehurst has been appointed managing director. Mr Wyndham Thomas becomes chairman.

Manchester Exchange Trust: Mr Nigel Wright has become group marketing director.

Spectros International: Mr R. J. Preston has been named as financial director.

United Rum Merchants: Mr Joe Beeston and Mr Brian Horst have been appointed to the board.

Royal Doulton: Mr Neil Taster has been made deputy managing director of the retail sales division.

Lethley & Christopher: Mr Dick Turpin has been appointed chief executive and managing director.

ICI: Dr William Madden is to be president of ICI Japan. Dr William Duncan is to become

chairman in succession to Mr R. L. Jones, who has resigned. Madison Square Garden: Mr Alan Fields has been appointed executive vice-president and chief operating officer.

Park Royal Enterprise Trust: Mr Alan Harris becomes chief executive of Coopers Animal Health (Holdings).

Brownlie: Mr Gordon Lang Foylds has joined the board.

The foreign and Colonial Investment Trust: Mr J. L. Egan becomes a director. British Printing Industries Federation: Mr Shaun Leslie is to be commercial director. He succeeds Mr Stuart Henderson.

Prichard Services Group: Mr A. R. Philipson has joined the board.

Dominion Group: Mr Derek Brooks is retiring as a director but becomes non-executive deputy chairman of the property division.

Mr Roger Horton becomes chief executive and Mr David Hobbs, financial controller. Mr Ian Richardson becomes managing director of Dominion Homes, with Mr Barrie Packman deputy managing director.

Peat Marwick: Mr Geoffrey Brear has been appointed a senior member of the Scottish management consultancy.

Shepherd Building Group: Mr Colin Shepherd has become a deputy group chairman.

Argus Press Group: Mr A. F. B. Harvey has been appointed to the board of The Argus Holdings and The Argus Press.

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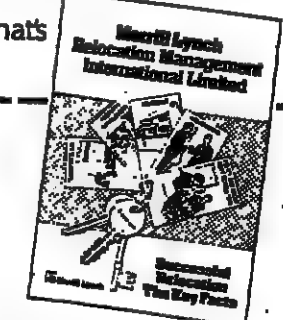
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Football: Robson keeps faith with his team while Bingham's World Cup hopefuls can only pray for the right result

England aim for quite a show to announce arrival on world stage

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

England should tonight become men of the world. They require only a point at Wembley against Turkey, the side they overwhelmed 8-0 in Istanbul last season, to be sure of qualifying for next summer's World Cup finals in Mexico, and events in Bucharest this afternoon could mean that they do not need even that.

If Northern Ireland are defeated in Romania, which is more of a probability than a possibility, England will be all but through. To fail, they would have to go down to Turkey, then lose by a margin of more than 12 goals against the Irish at Wembley next month. Both results are inconceivable.

There are faint echoes of 1983, but with a difference. Almost two years ago, England sat in the dressing room before the kick-off against Luxembourg and listened to a description of a Danish goal being scored in Greece. They knew that, no matter how they fared against the nation they had already humiliated 9-0, they had been checked out of the European Championships.

"The attitude of the players then was nothing short of terrific," Bobby Robson, the England manager, said. "We will be taking the same approach, because we want to win the group. We want to win convincingly, thrill the crowd, and show people that we are building a team that can take on anybody in the world. After all, it won't be too long, just six

England

P	S	A	C	M	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Shilton (Southampton)	22	33								
G. Stevenson (Everton)	22	33								
K. Sanson (Aston Villa)	22	33								
M. Wright (Southampton)	22	33								
T. Fawcett (QPR)	22	33								
B. Roberts (Manchester Utd)	22	33								
G. Hoddle (Tottenham)	22	33								
R. Williams (Aston Villa)	22	33								
M. Batesley (Aston Villa)	22	33								
G. Lineker (Liverpool)	22	33								
G. Waddle (Tottenham)	22	33								
S. Williams (Aston Villa)	22	33								
D. Watson (Norwich City)	22	33								
B. Barnes (Wolves)	22	33								
A. Madsen (Aston Villa)	22	33								
A. Madsen (Soviet Union)	22	33								

Group three table

P	S	A	C	M	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	22	33								
Romania	22	33								
Northern Ireland	22	33								
Turkey	22	33								

REMAINING MATCHES: November 12: England v Northern Ireland; November 14: Turkey v Romania.

months, before we are in against the likes of Brazil."

"I would love Northern Ireland to reach the finals with us, but the Romanians, in the way that they played against us last month, proved that they are a fairly high-class European side."

Robson, as expected, has retained all of the available representatives from that game. The absent Reid is replaced by Wilkins, whose performance will be of special interest to England's manager. "It will be interesting to see whether he and Hoddle can complement each other in midfield. They should be able to. Look at the French quartet. They are the clearest examples in inter-



The ball is in Wilkins's court, to prove he can complement Hoddle (right) in England's midfield

national football that great players can play with, and for, each other."

Although England's pair are so similar in style that Wilkins could act as Hoddle's shadow, it would be the deepest disappointment if their roles overlapped and Robson is persuaded to omit one of the outstanding talents in his squad.

Waddle is another individual with something to prove. Preferred to Barnes for the fifth time in the last six matches, he will be encouraged to attack on either flank. "I thought he spent

too long on the right against Romania," Robson said. "Sometimes you give a player freedom and he disappears down the M1."

England, with an unmistakably clear view of the road to Mexico, should be far too strong for a Turkish side that has gained only one point and scored only one goal in group three. It would, nevertheless, be a repeat of the astonishing scoreline of last November.

"That was a bizarre after-

noon," Robson recalled. "Our finishing was acute. The Turks lost their nerve, and playing at home eventually became a disadvantage." Yet tonight they will be appearing at Wembley for the first time, and they are especially fearful of the pressure England will apply in the opening 20 minutes.

Although half of the Turkish line-up includes youth international players, those who endured the embarrassment in their home-

land will find England an even more powerful and better balanced unit. Stevens and

Lineker, who have recovered from slight injuries, Fenwick and, notably, Hoddle and Batesley were missing in Istanbul.

As if England's challenge needed strengthening, Barnes and Woodcock, who between them claimed four of the eight goals, will be sitting on the bench. Sadly, within 24 hours of stepping into the world, England could find themselves ordered out of the 1988 European Championships by UEFA, who are meeting in Vienna tomorrow.

Ireland will not lie down in their quest of improbable

From David Miller, Bucharest

The Romanian capital basks in autumn sunshine, the more welcome because of the continuing fuel crisis and the gloom of evening, with one light bulb in three removed in all the shops. That seasonal nip in the air makes the immensity of winter forbidding.

Two modest small countries, each with their different nationalistic, emotional conflicts, meet in the World Cup here this afternoon. For Northern Ireland and Romania, a qualification for the finals in Mexico would be as much a moral as a financial uplift. They have more to play for than goals.

The problems of the Romanian manager, Mircea Lucescu, are as inconvenient as those of Billy Bingham, of Ireland. Lucescu will be without his captain and libero, Stefanescu, who is suspended for one match, and Camataru, the scorer in the recent 1-1 draw with England at Wembley, who has broken a leg.

England will not be announced until today, yet Lucescu's consolation should be that he has a wider range of quality from which to summon deputies. Romania might justifiably have selected England at home and away, and although they lost a year ago in Belfast - their only defeat in the group - players such as Coras, Boloni and the roving quick-

Coras, Boloni and the roving quick-firing King ought to be able to piece together the strands of victory which would assure Romania of qualifying. Their final game is away to Turkey.

Yet Ireland, dogged pursuers of the improbable, who always have the scent but seldom catch the hare, as they memorably did in the finals in Valencia three years ago, will not lie down. They weakened their

defence with a defeat in Finland and last month with a draw in Izmir, and now they need three points away to Romania and away to England.

He has lost Hamilton, the veteran Martin O'Neill, and, from the team who drew in Turkey, McClelland and Ramsey, the robust midfielder from Leicester, all with injuries; and Quinn, the Blackburn attacker, yesterday had symptoms of a cold. Bingham could give McDonald, of Queen's Park Rangers, his debut - which is unlikely - at centre-back in place of McClelland, or move Worthington from midfield to left back, as he will almost certainly include McCreey, of Newcastle, in midfield, but his most pressing concern is whether to use Whiteside, returning after suspension, in midfield or attack.

Clark, of Bournemouth, was unimpressive when watched on Saturday, Bingham will, I think, therefore play Whiteside up front, where his burly aggression and opportunism can most worry the Romanians.

They must, as Martin O'Neill has said, "be here for a radio commentary - attempt to defend in Romania's half of the field, which is less the conventional Irish quip of a former captain than it might sound. If Haps is on song down either flank Romania should win. The best Ireland can expect is a draw, leaving them needing to win at Wembley, and even so possibly still not qualifying."

NORTHERN IRELAND (possible): P. Jennings (Goalkeeper), J. McClelland (Defender), D. McGivern (Defender), S. Haps (Defender), J. Bingham (Defender), J. Whiteside (Defender), J. Quinn (Defender), J. Coras (Defender), J. Boloni (Defender), J. King (Defender), J. McCreey (Defender), J. Worthington (Defender), J. McDonald (Defender), J. Hamilton (Defender), J. Ramsey (Defender), J. Haps (Defender), J. Bingham (Defender), J. Whiteside (Defender), J. Quinn (Defender), J. Coras (Defender), J. Boloni (Defender), J. King (Defender), J. McCreey (Defender), J. Worthington (Defender), J. McDonald (Defender), J. Hamilton (Defender), J. Ramsey (Defender), J. Haps (Defender), J. Bingham (Defender), J. Whiteside (Defender), J. Quinn (Defender), J. Coras (Defender), J. Boloni (Defender), J. King (Defender), J. McCreey (Defender), J. Worthington (Defender), J. McDonald (Defender), J. Hamilton (Defender), J. Ramsey (Defender), J. Haps (Defender), J. Bingham (Defender), J. Whiteside (Defender), J. 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RACING: A JOURNEY THROUGH THE FABLED HEARTLAND OF WORLD BREEDING

High Tern can give cheer to Careo camp

By Mandarin

There has been a flood of money for Guy Harwood's unbeaten three-year-old, Careo, to win Saturday's Casaratch at Newmarket. The colt is down to as short as 4-1 (joint favourite with Bourbon Boy) and this afternoon at Haydock Park. High Tern can provide Careo's legion of backers with great encouragement by winning the Oak Handicap.

High Tern has been a marvellously consistent servant for John Dunlop this season and indeed, was a ray of light when the Arundel stable went through its darkest hour. She won over a distance just short of 15 furlongs at Warwick in July and gained a second success from Accuracy over two miles at Thirsk in September. In between she did well to run Trapeze Artist to three-quarters of a length in a Newmarket handicap.

Her meeting with Careo came at Goodwood in her most recent race. Then, receiving 4lb from Harwood's horse, she was beaten three lengths, with the Astor Stakes winner, Meadowbrook, third, a length and a half behind. High Tern has to concede plenty of weight to her rivals today, but in the belief that Careo is well above average, she is napped to outclass the rest.

Her most dangerous rival is likely to be Dave Hanley's Milton Burn, who receives 34lb. Paul Cole's stable has been enjoying better luck recently and, as is often the case with him, it is the two-year-olds who are helping to bolster the rate of

Visiting Kentucky for the first time is rather like a long-awaited pilgrimage. One approaches with a mixture of curiosity and awe. And there is a nervous eagerness to meet long-lost friends from the racecourse, snatched away in adolescence.

The last time I had seen Nijinsky was on a sunny October afternoon at Newmarket 15 years ago. After an exhausting autumn campaign, the triple crown winner had just been beaten in his final race, the Champion Stakes. Not for the first time, a great champion had ended his racing career on a note of anticlimax.

As I drove up to the gates of Claiborne Farm, I was keen to see if Nijinsky was as I remembered him to be. I was in for a surprise. I had always thought of him as a big, powerful horse, but standing up to him, he seemed a whole size bigger still.

Danzig the latest stallion sensation

In the adjoining barn was the latest stallion sensation, Danzig, epitomizing by contrast what a son of Northern Dancer ought to look like - petite, fiery and active. He is, also, incidentally, virtually blind in one eye after an accident with a creosote barrel.

Nijinsky's barn also houses the showy Secretariat, the US triple crown winner, and Spectacular Bid, Oae gets rather punch drunk, who occupies the same position in the world's leading stallions. I even forgot to see Sir Ivor.

The farm itself is equally impressive, a tree-lined monument to tradition, and its vast rolling paddocks have been built by the Hancock family on perhaps the finest land in Kentucky.

A novel sight in the midst of the pastured was that of a tobacco crop which, at the age of seven and a half, is not just about bloodstock. Many studs have a tobacco crop and the yellowing leaves I saw hanging to dry from the ceiling of an empty yearling barn was part of Claiborne's 150,000 lb crop.

Kentucky is full of such counterpoint. The traditional grandeur and



Nijinsky, the powerful triple crown winner, who shares a barn at Claiborne with Spectacular Bid and Secretariat

the shape of that studmaster and retractor extraordinaire, Michael Osborne. Osborne was tempted from the Irish National Stud to take over at the helm of North Ridge Farm and has been part of the wind of change that has been sweeping through the Kentucky stud scene in the 1980s.

The old order - characterized by the moguls of Claiborne, Gainesway and Spendthrift - is facing a new challenge from the emergent "megastuds" which have been spawned from the rising bloodstock prosperity of the past decade. North Ridge is perhaps the most spectacular of these young pretenders.

The crowd books have been rewritten a few times at Gainesway Farm, not least by Vagney Noble, now 20 years old. Gainesway is a small farm by Kentucky standards but houses 45 stallions.

Spendthrift Farm has a similar number of stallions but at 2,650 acres is 10 times larger, and includes an impressive training track and large stable complex. By pure chance the day of my visit coincided with the announcement that Leslie and Brownell Coumb had sold their majority interest in the farm to Chestnut developer for \$57,000,000.

Irony of geldings holding court

Rumours about Spendthrift's future have abounded before and since that announcement, and five weeks later, under the deal has still to be finalized.

There seems little doubt that this uncertainty is a factor in the removal of Seattle Slew and retooling of Nijinsky to one of the new studs, Three Chimneys Farm. Seattle Slew will at Spendthrift during my visit, and I was able to see him in action, being one of the few stallions there are ridden daily by the 1,000+ Kentucky Horse Park, which features 35 breeds of horse, in pride of place are the pigistic Forego, at one time the state's leading money earner, and the celebrated people's hero, John Henry. There is a certain irony in two geldings holding court in the heartland of world breeding.

Simon O'Loughlin

HAYDOCK PARK

Going: soft

Draw advantages:

2.0 WHITEBEAM MAIDEN STAKES (Div 1: 2-y-o; £2,275; 1m 40yd) (17 runners)

1	ADALYAN (H Agha Khan) R Johnson Houghton 8-0	S Causton 16
2	0000 AUCTION MAN (M Agha Khan) R Johnson Houghton 8-0	S Causton 16
3	0000 BEAU MAINE (D C Faint) P Fanning 8-0	P Fanning 17
4	0000 BETTER BEHOLD (M Agha Khan) R Johnson Houghton 8-0	S Causton 16
5	0000 BLACKHOLE (P Salmon) P Fanning 8-0	P Fanning 17
6	0000 BLACKHOLE (P Salmon) P Fanning 8-0	P Fanning 17
7	0000 BURNING (P Salmon) P Fanning 8-0	P Fanning 17
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2.30 MAPLE SELLING NURSERY HANDICAP (2-y-o; £1,431; 7f 40yd) (10)

1	000000 IMPERIAL SUNRISE (P Salmon) P Fanning 8-0	P Fanning 17
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Haydock selections

2.0 Blockade, 2.30 Slane Market, 3.0 Bold Fort, 3.30 Double Schwartz, 4.0 Atrick, 4.30 HIGH TERN (nap).

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2.0 Beau Mirage, 2.30 Philosophical, 3.0 Matru, 3.30 Broadwater Music, 4.0 Comme L'Étoile, 4.30 Jazzy Lady.

3.0 HAWTHORN HANDICAP (£2,187; 8f) (15)

1	000000 MELANIA BELLE (D) (M) P Burt 8-0	P Burt 16
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3.30 WALNUT STAKES (£2,323; 5f) (5)

1	000000 DOUBLE SCHWARTZ (D) (M) P Burt 8-0	P Burt 16
2	000000 DOUBLE SCHWARTZ (D) (M) P Burt 8-0	P Burt 16
3	000000 DOUBLE SCHWARTZ (D) (M) P Burt 8-0	P Burt 16
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5	000000 DOUBLE SCHWARTZ (D) (M) P Burt 8-0	P Burt 16

4.0 WHITEBEAM MAIDEN STAKES (Div 1: 2-y-o; £2,291; 1m 40yd) (18)

1	000000 AL SALUTE (H Agha Khan) P Fanning 8-0	P Fanning 17
2	000000 AL SALUTE (H Agha Khan) P Fanning 8-0	P Fanning 17
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4.30 AKO HANDICAP (£2,712; 2m 28yd) (12)

1	000000 HIGH TERN (P Salmon) P Fanning 8-0	P Fanning 17
2	000000 HIGH TERN (P Salmon) P Fanning 8-0	P Fanning 17
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5.000000 HIGH TERN (P Salmon) P Fanning 8-0

12 of the horses given in section 112 of the Act in 1968 to exercise, take samples, or seize goods, or documents, or whether he was exercising the ordinary rights of the public to make a purchase.

Continuity was inadequate

Duncan v Duncan

On repeated adjournments in the domestic jurisdiction of the magistrates' court, there should be adequate continuity of justices.

Social workers acted illegally

Havering London Borough Council v S

The social services department of a local authority had acted illegally when social workers went to a hospital after his birth and placed him with foster parents without first obtaining a court order, Mr Justice Lloyd said.

Test purchase of drug not a sample

Mistry v Norris

Before Lord Justice Lloyd and Mr Justice Tudor-Evans

Undesirable comment to the jury

Regina v Harris

As had been stressed by the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) on a number of occasions, it was undesirable that any point should be made in summing up in relation to police evidence which might lead a jury to think that adverse consequences would follow to police officers if the jury returned a verdict of not guilty as opposed to a verdict of guilty.

Court of Appeal

Wilkie for Hamersmith; Mr Peter Boydell, QC and Mr Jonathan Milner for the developers.

Omission of outline use not fatal to consent

Regina v Hamersmith and Fulham London Borough Council and Another, Ex parte Greater London Council

Before Lord Justice O'Connor, Lord Justice Glidewell and Sir Edward Leach

[Judgment delivered October 11]

Where outline planning permission had been granted for a redevelopment involving a number of uses and the subsequent application omitted one of those uses, it was a question of fact and degree whether the omission put the detailed application outside the ambit of the outline permission so as to invalidate it.

The Court of Appeal so stated, dismissing an appeal by Mr Justice O'Connor from his decision on January 22, 1985, refusing his application for judicial review of a decision by Hamersmith and Fulham London Borough Council to approve a detailed planning application by Bredero Consulting Ltd.

Mr Jeremy Sullivan, QC and Mr John Johnson, QC and Mr Alan

WETHERBY

Going: good to firm

2.0 HALFFIELD NOVICE HURDLE (Div 1: £548; 2m) (15 runners)

1	000000 SPECIAL SETTLEMENT (D) (M) P Burt 8-0	P Burt 16
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2.30 HEADLEY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,443; 2m 4f) (10yd) (5)

1	000000 BROKEN SPOON (D) (M) P Burt 8-0	P Burt 16
2	000000 BROKEN SPOON (D) (M) P Burt 8-0	P Burt 16
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3.0 TURN TO YORKSHIRE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,222; 2m) (4)

1	000000 GERRARD (D) (M) P Burt 8-0	P Burt 16
2	000000 GERRARD (D) (M) P Burt 8-0	P Burt 16
3	000000 GERRARD (D) (M) P Burt 8-0	P Burt 16
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3.35 HALFFIELD NOVICE HURDLE (Div 1: £548; 2m) (15)

1	000000 WHAT WILL WEAN (D) (M) P Burt 8-0	P Burt 16
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10.00 Concert: part two. Scriabin's Symphony No 3.

11.00 Delmé String Quartet; Hayden Quartet in E, Op 54 No 3; Verdi Quartet in E minor.

11.57 News. 12.00 Closedown.

Radio 2
News on the hour (except 9.00pm)
Headlines 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30 and 8.40am
Martin Kelner.† 6.00 Ray Mc
Ken Bruce.† 10.30 Jimmy Young
1.05pm Sports Desk: David Jacobs
2.00 Gloria Hunniford incl 2.02 Sports
Desk. 2.55 World Cup Soccer Special
Second-half commentary (Romania
Northern Ireland). 3.45 Music All the
Way.† 4.00 David Hamilton incl 4.05
5.05 Sports Desk. 6.00 John Dunn
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8.45 Sports Desk. 9.45 Open and Classified Results (MF) only. 7.30 V Cup Soccer Special. From Wembley. England meet Turkey. 9.30 Lister Band (Band of the Royal Ulster Constabulary). 9.55 Sports Desk. 1. The Fosdyke Saga III (episode 36). 10.15 The Cambridge Buskers. With Michael Copley, Dag Ingram and J. Fletcher. 10.30 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory. 11.00 Ben Falk presents Round Midnight (starts from midnight). 1.00am Peter Dickson presents Nightride.† 3.00-4.00 A Life Night Music.†

Radio 1

6.00am Adrian John. 7.30 Mike Re
9.30 Andy Peebles. 12.30pm News
(Frank Partridge). 12.45 Gary Davi
3.00 Steve Wright. 5.30 Newsbeat
(Frank Partridge). 5.45 Bruno Bro
At 6.30, he reviews the new Top 30
album chart. 7.30 Janice Long: Dr
Alert. Special campaign to help pe
with addiction problems. 10.00-12
John Peel. 1 VHF Radios 1 & 2.4.0
An Radio 2. 2.55 Gloria Hunniford

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk; 7.00 News; 7.59 Tenet Hours; 7.30 Report on Religion; 7.41 Trud; 8.00 News; 8.09 Reflections; Classical Record Review; 8.30 The 8.00 News; 8.59 Review of the British

8.15 The World Today, 8.30 Financial
9.40 Look Ahead, 9.45 Kitten on the
10.00 News, 10.01 The State of the
10.30 My Music, 11.00 News, 11.05
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World, 12.45 Sports Roundup, 1.00 News
Twenty-Four Hours, 1.30 Music For
Movies, 2.00 Outlook, 2.45 Report on
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Commentary, 4.15 Rock Salad, 4.45 The
Today, 5.00 News, 5.15 Monitor, 5.30
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Hollywood. 1.20-1.30 News. 8.00-
North Tonight. 10.30 Scoopstap.
12.15am News, Closedown.

CENTRAL 12.30-1.30 News.
Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 News. 12.15
Film: Goodnight, My Love (Richard
Boone). 1.45 Closedown.

GRANADA As London except
12.30pm-1.00
Sullivans. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.30-4
Young Doctors. 6.00 This is your
6.05 Crossroads. 6.30-7.00 Granada
Reports. 12.15am Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except
12.00pm-1.00
Calendar Lunchtime Live. 1.20-1.30

Calendar. 6.00-6.35 **Calendar.** 12.00-12.30
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